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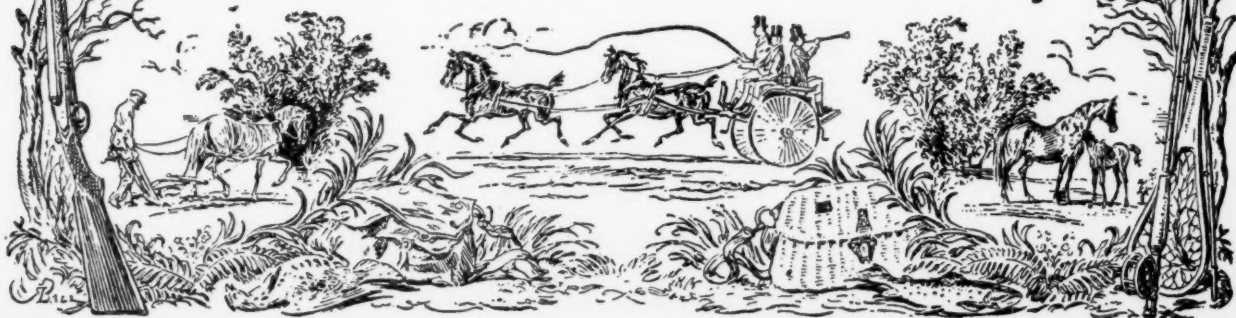
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## FOXHUNTING IN THE LIBRARY

The perfect introduction to foxhunting, if one had available the services of a wishing ring, would be the constant company of an experienced Master who not only hunted his own hounds, but was also interested in the education of the novice. Such rings being rare, however, the beginner has to rely on other sources of information—on actual experience in the field, on the help of fellow foxhunters, and on books. Considering the relatively small number of people who take part in the sport, the literature of foxhunting is really enormous. For beginners in this country, however, the difficulty is that nearly all the books are about foxhunting in England (which in many respects is quite different from our own) and that only a very few of them are written for beginners. An "Introduction to American Foxhunting" has yet to be written.

Nevertheless books are still an essential part of a budding foxhunter's equipment, just as essential in their way as clothes, horses and tack. The first requirement for success in any sport is keenness. Consequently the best place to begin is with fiction, a field in which American writers on foxhunting compare most favorably with British authors. Gordon Grand's wonderful tales about the Millbeck Hounds, David Gray's collection entitled "Gallops", and A. Henry Higginson's stories published by Collins, many of which originally appeared in The Chronicle, are among the best. Across the Atlantic we have "The Experiences of an Irish R. M." and in the field of poetry Masefield's "Reynard the Fox", Chalmers' "The Horn", and the collected verses of Will Ogilvie. On the pictorial side there are the books illustrated by Lionel Edwards' marvelous watercolors and by G. D. Armour's humorous drawings.

So much for fiction. In the realm of fact the best beginner's book is undoubtedly Brock's "Introduction to Foxhunting", one of the volumes of the Beaufort Library. In reading it one should bear in mind that the American red fox is much scarcer, wilder and more difficult to kill than his British counterpart, which make the chapters on foxes, cubhunting and earth stopping only partially applicable. The fact that few hunts here have to contend with large crowds of followers and that we jump panels

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rather than hedges laced with wire, must also be borne in mind when reading the chapters about riding to hounds.

With this background one may advance to somewhat more technical British books. Beckford's "Thoughts on Hunting", first published in 1781, is still the classic work on the subject. Among the best of the moderns are Willoughby de Broke's "Hunting the Fox" and "The Huntsman In the Field" by Isaac Bell, an American who became a great hound breeder in England, one of the many interesting chapters in the Lonsdale Library volume on Foxhunting. McNeill's "Unwritten Laws of Foxhunting" and Berry's phonograph record "Hunting by Ear" are both invaluable.

By American authors are Higginson's "Foxhunting", an interesting book with a very excellent chapter "The Foxhunter's Library"; Stanley Reeve's "Foxhunting Formalities"; and Joseph B. Thomas' "Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages" described by Mr. Higginson as "a great book which will always be up to date."

Sydney Smith in this country and J. A. Allen in England can supply the above titles to those who do not already have them on their shelves.

## Letters

### Tuckerman's Wardrobe

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Bayard Tuckerman kindly sent us the following letter written to him by his former stable manager.)  
Dear Mr. Tuckerman:

I am going to tell you a story that happened during the winter of 1924, the year you entertained the Prince of Wales at Hamilton, and the year after you hunted at Melton Mowbray. You remember you sent me down to Virginia with some horses as you were going to hunt with the Orange County and Mr. Fletcher Harper who was M.F.H. at the time.

Whenever you give me some of your wardrobe I cannot help but think of this incident which now seems funny, but it was far from that at the time it took place. I remember you sent me a telegram one day that you would hunt the next day and to have your hunting clothes at the stable so you could change as you might be short of time, which of course I did. You hunted a horse called McFall that day, which you afterwards (that fall) won a nice race on at Mr. Carleton Palmer's.

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## Pink Velvet Wins Columbiana Bowie Patrons Face "Cold War"

Raleigh Burroughs

### Bowie

In recent months there has been some criticism in the papers regarding the harsh treatment branches of the military hand out to the rookies on their squads.

Awesome stories about marches through morasses and bivouacs in blizzards have aroused the indignation of parents and have drawn protests from their representatives in the houses of Congress.

"We're not at war," it is pointed out, "so there is no good reason for exposing our sons to such extremes of cold and exhaustion."

Fathers, mothers, politicians--you are wrong!

Soon these youngsters must face the world on their own--and some of 'em will be going to Bowie.

A man conditioned and toughened by the most rigorous course of training offered by the Army, Navy or Marines is just about ready for duty as a horse-player in Maryland.

The State has set up a series of tests designed to separate the men from the boys.

The final examination was held on February 15, and it is heart-warming to be able to report that 13,544 received their degrees. The weather was snowy and the temperature was at freezing, so Maryland is the only state in the Union to have that many 32nd Degree Horse-Players.

As the attendance numbered 17,971 the week before, it is presumed that 4,427 boys (and girls) chickened out because of the threat of snow.

Let us not harbor uncharitable feelings toward those that defected; rather, remember them for the brave and willing way they met and overcame earlier ordeals.

At the same time, a croak of acclaim is due the gallant 13,544 that came through in the final, searching trial. Let it be inscribed indelibly in the archives of the sport that they struggled on even after their cars conked out, staggering, limping and crawling until they reached their goal.

Thanks to modern miracle drugs, some will return.

Let us pay tribute, too, to the lords of Maryland racing, who fear neither cold, nor snow, nor risk of customers' necks--only a conflict of dates with Garden State.

It is a matter of history now that 3,000

cars were left stranded in the Bowie environs, and that the Pennsylvania Railroad sent in two mercy trains to bring out survivors.

Early in the afternoon of February 15, patrons of the course began to worry about getting home. Few left, it is true, as long as there were races to bet on, but there was an atmosphere of concern about the place.

There was talk of snow tires and chains, and a particularly astute one of a particular group observed, "I came on wheels of steel owned by the PRR and shall go back to Baltimore the same way."

"You," responded an auditor admiringly, "are one of the smart ones."

I felt no special glow of satisfaction at the compliment, and driving from Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station to the arctic reaches of Towson, Md., I decided it was completely undeserved.

No, Charlie, the smart ones were the ones who stayed home.

### The Miss Maryland

Ten three-year-old fillies came out for the 5-1/2-furlong Miss Maryland (February 15). Snow was falling at the time of the race but you could tell they were off as the mutuels windows closed.

It appeared to me that Dr. John Hoy's Amplitude led for about three-sixteenths of a mile. As the fillies got to the far turn too many snowflakes got in the way, so the next thing I can report is that Knollwood Stable's Movitave was prominently

placed coming into the stretch. Mrs. Walter Edgar's Milady Dares was coming up on the rail and Stanley Sagner's Sew It Up was having trouble finding her way around Amplitude.

When the golden lights flashed through the infield gloom, I found that Movitave was the winner, Milady Dares had finished second, Sew It Up had made third place and Amplitude was fourth.

The daughter of Colonel Mike-Little-whitelie, by Ramillies, took the winner's part of a \$15,000 purse, and has one win in one start for 1958.

Last season she collected \$22,156, with 6 wins 3 seconds and 2 thirds in 13 tries. Bowes Bond trains her and Nick Shuk had the mount in the Miss Maryland. Knollwood Stable and J. T. Sadler bred her.

### The Abraham Lincoln Stakes

Mr. G. W. Parker's Sand Boy, which won the Early Bird Purse, by disqualification on opening day at Bowie, took first prize without the help of the stewards in the Abraham Lincoln Stakes.

The race was run on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.

Pine Echo, which finished first in the Early Bird only to be disqualified, was the beaten favorite on his own merit in the Lincoln, but he didn't miss by much--a nose, half a length and a head. He led to the stretch, but Sand Boy, Honey's Tiger and White Cachet beat him to the wire in the order listed.

Sand Boy's owner received \$7,163.75, so the six-year-old gelding's 1958 record reads: 2 starts, 2 wins and \$11,988.75.

By Colony Boy, out of Rose Sand, by Rosemont, Sand Boy was bred by Mrs. J. L. A. duPont.

A. J. Cockran trains him and Benny Green has been aboard for the Lincoln. Continued on Page 4

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### \*Gaelic Luck (No Luck) (1953)



## Racing Review

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### Hialeah

Columbiana won the mile-and-a-quarter Widener Handicap in 1937 so Hialeah named a seven-furlong race for her. This season's running was the 13th. That doesn't add up to enough renewals to fill in the intervening years, because the race wasn't run in '43 or '45. Those whose racing records cover only the years of 1941, 1942 and 1944 will not find the Columbiana listed. Look under the "E's" for Evening. That's what they called it then.

Bill Beasley's Pink Velvet added her name to the list of Columbiana winners on February 12.

Under Walter Blum, the four-year-old filly remained four or five lengths behind the pace-setting Beautillion (the favorite) for the first few furlongs. Then, Pink Velvet moved to the outside, caught the leader coming to the stretch and won by a head after a duel that lasted more than an eighth of a mile. Pardala was third and Amoret, fourth.

The race was worth \$18,425 to the Beasley Stable, and that was the first money earned by the daughter of Polynesian (out of Bayrose, by \*Sir Gallahad III), in three 1958 tries.

She brought in \$84,252 last season as a result of 9 wins, 6 seconds and 6 thirds in 26 starts.

John Passero trains Pink Velvet. Ira Drymon bred her.

### Santa Anita

The San Luis Rey, at a mile and one-half on the grass, was a triumph for California breeding. Solid Son, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Roles and trained and bred by Mr. Roles, was the winner by a nose over Roscoe Maney. Whatitoldyou was third, and Dark Trust earned the smallest slice of the money.

Solid Son, high-weight in the race under 120 pounds, was making his fifth 1958 start and registering his third win. He has been second once and third once. With the \$17,350 from the San Luis Rey, he has season's earnings of \$30,600. Last year, the son of Solidarity, out of Sunmont, by Rosemont brought in \$9,725 and won 3 of his 13 races.

Last June he could have been claimed for \$12,500.

Ray York was aboard for the San Luis Rey.

### Fair Grounds

The Duncan F. Kennen stakes at five-sixteenths of a mile was the co-feature with the Black Gold Handicap (described last week) at the Fair Grounds on February 8.

Linzy Boy, ridden, owned and trained by J. Delahoussaye (I'll have to look over this), was the winner by a head over

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Kerrville. Will This Do was third, a neck farther back and two lengths before Wood Pigeon.

The race was worth \$5,975. Linzy Boy won his initial start just two days earlier, so the two-year-old's record is perfect.

The colt was bred by O. Nunez and is by Fondest Hope, from Little Fi, by Marco Way.

### The Debutante Stakes

The first eleven runnings of the Fair Grounds' Debutante stakes were held at the dash distance of one-quarter of a mile. This year's renewal is more of a test of endurance--it's at 2-1/2 furlongs.

C. Jennings' Deep Diamond won by a neck to collect \$5,475 and put up a \$19.40 mutuel. In second place was the first-time starter and 9-to-10 favorite, Gleen Dale D., ridden, owned, trained and bred by J. Delahoussaye.

Lawdy Claudy was third; More Dividend, fourth.

Deep Diamond is by Hy Diamond-Depth Girl, by Depth Charge. She was racking up her second win in three starts, was third the other time.

E. Faulk trains Hy Diamond and C. Meaux was up for the Debutante. Mr. Jennings bred the filly.

The Debutante, of course, is for two-year-old fillies.

### Short Takes of Late Stakes

Calumet's Tim Tam and Kentucky Pride finished first and second, respectively, in Hialeah's Everglades Stakes.

Round Table scored in the San Antonio Handicap at Santa Anita.

Speed Rouser won the Le Comte Handicap at the Fair Grounds.

These results through courtesy of that wonderful NBC program Monitor. Particulars will be given next week.

### AT FLORIDA SALE

Kentuckians and Virginians really moved into Miami when the Florida Breeders opened their sale season at the Hialeah Auditorium on Feb. 3.

Jim Wiley was talking with John A. Bell III while Jim Henderson watched his colt, Sea Tony, half brother to Chance it Tony being sold. Sue Burke got a ring-side view of the youngsters, as Norman Haymaker bought two of the prospective two-year-old runners. The Mickey Stewarts from Paris, Ky. took part in the fried chicken feast and said they were down for a good part of the Hialeah meet with the master of Spendthrift, Leslie Combs, II.

Highlight of the second sale day was Mr. and Mrs. Allie Reuben's bid on the world's record holder, Bolero U. It was nip and tuck against Howard and Elwood Wilson of Newcastle, Del., but Mr. I. J. Collins joined the Reubens and the matter was settled at \$50,500 for the chestnut three-year-old from the estate of J. L. McKnight. J. A.

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## TRA DIRECTORS

Mr. James D. Stewart, President of TRA, has announced the appointment of the following TRA Directors to serve as the Public Relations and Progress Committee of the TRA: Amory L. Haskell, Chairman - President of Monmouth Park; Bill Corum - President of Churchill Downs; James E. Dooley - President of Narragansett Park; Joseph Gottstein - President of Longacres; John D. Schapiro - President of Laurel Race Course; Robert Strub - Assistant General Manager of Santa Anita Park; B. A. Tompkins - Vice President of Greater New York Assn.

The function of this committee will be to make recommendations to the TRA Board of Directors in regard to its public relations program and expansion of the activities of the TRA.

## AUSTRALIAN RUNNERS

Foreign horses running on American tracks always add a bit of spice to the program. Nobody can help but be interested in seeing just how they stack up against our own.

There is one down at the Fair Grounds right now which seems to be doing all right for himself. He is \*Gay Vista and he arrived in the United States a couple of months ago with a fine record as a sprinter in Australia. The different track surfaces, different equipment, different direction of running, and different jockeys didn't slow him up a bit. He has won four of six starts including the \$5,000 added Christmas Handicap and the \$10,000 added Gulf Coast Handicap.

\*Gay Vista is appropriately branded "GO". In Australia, they brand Thoroughbreds instead of tattooing them. So now he has both the brand and the tattoo.

Another dollop of foreign flavor is the nomination of Military Law for the \$100,000 added Gulfstream Park Handicap next March 22. He is owned by C. D. Alexander of Jamaica (British West Indies, not Jamaica, New York) and he has raced well in Australia and in Jamaica. Just to make it thoroughly foreign, Military Law will be ridden by his favorite rider, D. G. McClymans, who will fly to Florida from Australia for the race. Military Law is by Court Martial out of The Blues and he is now training in Jamaica for the March race.

It is things like these that are all to the good from the standpoint of racing as a sport and they don't hurt it from the standpoint of public relations either.

R. J. Clark

## ACTINIC'S APPRECIATION

Actinic, a six-year-old light bay gelding, which operates over the steeplechase courses in the colors of Mrs. L. C. Ledyard, proved to be a most appreciative horse during the 1957 Saratoga race meeting.

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In July of last year, shortly before the 1957 season began, the citizens of Saratoga turned out to greet the first Thoroughbreds to arrive at the track. Actinic and a stable mate were met in their private van at the city line by a group of civic dignitaries, and escorted to the stables with bands, floats and other manifestations of joy, through a large crowd of welcomers.

On the third day of the meeting, Actinic was sent out to see what he could do toward the oat bill, in a two-mile steeplechase allowance, and the citizens of Saratoga turned out to cheer him on. Their cheers were so loud, in fact, that Actinic and his stable mate were backed down to less than even money. Anxious to show his gratitude for the reception accorded him, Actinic led most of the way, and won by two lengths, with his stable mate second, paying \$3.30.

Later on, Actinic went to the post in the North American Steeplechase Handicap, one of the more important infield stakes. Still appreciative, he won this one, too, returning a fatter price of \$7.70, and giving himself a perfect record for the season of two starts and two victories.

## EL COMANDANTE

At El Comandante, San Juan's spanking new track, racing was recently suspended because a dispute between the track and the owners finally came to a boil.

This thing has been brewing for some time. What happened was that there used to be an arrangement whereby 62 1/2% of the track's gross income was set for purses. When the San Juan Racing Association, owner and operator of El Comandante, went into operation on Jan. 11, 1957, there was a new arrangement. A flat \$1,700,000 was allocated for the horsemen. That was just dandy until the new track went over so well that the owners wanted wanted to go back to a

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# \*JOHN CONSTABLE

His first full crop reach  
racing age this season.

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\*Nasrullah-Painted Vale, by Gainsborough

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**GEORGIAN**

**GEORGIAN, b., 1952**

Revoked  
Rejected  
Reneged  
Nullify

{ Blue Larkspur  
Gala Belle

Athenia  
Aesthete  
Oread  
Deal Over  
Attica  
Athens  
Athos

{ \*Pharamond II  
Salamina

Winner of six races and \$103,535 including the Washington Park Futurity, etc.  
His sire REVOKED has sired 4 \$100,000 winners through 1957 - REJECTED (\$549,500),  
RENEGED (\$144,850), NULLIFY (\$104,817). First dam, ATHENIA, winner of major  
stakes and \$105,710. Second and third dams are major stakes winners and producers.

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\* **TUDORKA, b., 1953**

Tudor Minstrel  
Tudor Gem  
Buckhound  
King of the Tudors  
Abernath, etc.

{ Owen Tudor  
Sansonnet

Neocracy

{ \*Tulyar (1949)  
Andromeda (1950)  
Tarjoman (1951)  
Corbetto (1952)  
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{ Nearco  
Harina

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percentage deal. Consequently, when the contract came up for renewal after the first year of El Comandante's successful operation, the horsemen and the track couldn't get together. El Comandante offered to raise the ante of \$2,100,000 for purses in 1958, but the owners would have none of it: they still want the percentage. Thus everybody is temporarily out of business and nobody wins. R.J.C.

### UNUSUAL RACEHORSE FEED

From time to time we hear of racehorses which are said to have won races because of unusual feeding methods -- a bottle of stout a day, eggs mixed with their oats, and so on. Some of us can remember, prior to 'doping' being barred by the Jockey Club as illegal, when it was a common procedure to give sluggish horses part of a bottle of whisky or port before they went to the post. Peter Thrale, the veterinary trainer, the other day won a juvenile hurdle race with Retain. He was bought in Ireland, and on arrival at the Thrale's place he was the thinnest horse the trainer had ever seen. So he had 21lbs of powdered milk mixed daily with his feeds. He soon began to put on flesh and now Thrale considers him about the best three-year-old hurdler we have seen this season. Retain's milk feed has aroused a good deal of interest but there

is nothing new in it. I often heard the old Yorkshire trainer, the last R. L. Robson, say "I'd give my horses golden sovereigns to eat if it would make them win races", and he had many uncommon feeding methods with bad doers and shy feeders. Some of them got a gallon of milk a day, as did some of the great John Porter's classic winners.

Over three hundred years ago milk was recommended by Gervase Markham in 'The Compleat Jockey', the earliest book on racing in English. He said in his rules for feeding beginning a fortnight before a horse was to run that 'horsebread' was to be made with three pecks of wheat and one of beans, ground together and put through an exceedingly fine dressing-cloth. Ale, the whites of 22 eggs, and milk were to be used in mixing the flour before baking into horsebread.

J.F.B.

### SARATOGA LEADERS

Ray Woolfe, trainer for the Montpelier Stables of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott and for Mrs. L. C. Ledyard, wrapped up major honors for the steeplechase and hurdle events at Saratoga during the 1957 meeting. Woolfe's charges won a total of \$60,900.00 over the infield courses, as they accounted for two steeplechase stake victories and three overnight wins. Shipboard, steeplechase Horse of the Year in 1956, was the top money winner, with a

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total of 18,850.00, representing his victory in the Saratoga Steeplechase Handicap and a second to Ancestor in the Beverwyck Steeplechase. Actinic earned \$15,875.00 by winning the North American Steeplechase and an overnight affair. Dromond, with two wins and a place, brought home \$9,325.00 and Benguala, third in the Promise Hurdle, added \$1,000 to the total.

In the remaining infield stakes, Ancestor won the Beverwyck Steeplechase the Lovely Night Hurdle Handicap, and Greek Brother romped home in front in the Saratoga National Maiden Hurdle. Arywa, with \$8,200.00 netted in the Lovely Night, was top money winner among the hurdlers for the season.



### HOUGHTON TO LLANGOLLEN

The former top steeplechase rider and subsequent trainer, Fred Houghton, is now assisting head trainer Charlie Whittingham with the Llangollen Farm string at Santa Anita Park, California.

### KLINE IMPORTS

Morris Dixon, trainer for C. Mahlon Kline of Ambler, Pennsylvania, reports the arrival of two horses acquired privately from the late Aga Khan. They are Loftly Peak and the 3-year-old Prince Taz.

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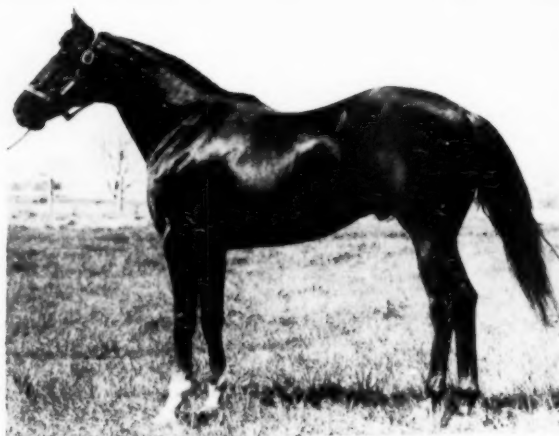
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# News from the STUDS

## VIRGINIA

### QUICK RETURN FROM MEANDER

At the 1957 Keeneland Fall Sales, Miss Julia Shearer of Meander Farm, Orange, Va., sold a bay filly, unbroken, by her own stallion Degage from Vital by \*Princequillo. On January 17th this young miss, racing as Little Kid, won her first start in Florida.



### BARRACKS' BROODMARES

Mr. and Mrs. C. McGhee Baxter of The Barracks Farm, Charlottesville, Va. are steadily building up a band of top mares who are certain to make their mark in Virginia breeding history according to present plans. These include \*Pin Stripe (Hyperion-Herringbone), in foal to Polynesian, booked to Native Dancer; \*Greenway (Fairway-Laurel Wreath), in foal to Bimelech, booked to Citation; Predestined (Stimulus-Destiny Bay), in foal to \*Hafiz II, booked to \*Hafiz II; \*Sun Visor (Sun Storm-Princes Issa), in foal to Spy Song; Great Haste II (Precipitation-Avena), in foal to \*Daumier, booked to Your Host; Kuklakee (Blue Swords-Insko Belle), in foal to Alerted, booked to Alerted; War Aster (War Relic-Asterope), in foal to \*Our Love II, booked to Phalanx; Misabi (Bimelech-Fairisk), in foal to Some Chance, and scheduled to be consigned to Saratoga; Errorless (Shut Out-Bloodroot) in foal to Errard, booked to Bimelech.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter also have three mares now in England - Golden Flower (Fair Trial-Ivy Grey), in foal to Darius, booked to Tudor Minstrel; Gainsborough Lady (Donatello II-Gainsborough Lass), in foal to Palestine, booked to Palestine; Golden Marie (Goyama-Nearly), in foal to Ribot, booked to Alycidon.

### NORTH CLIFF BREEDING SCHEDULE

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church II of North Cliff Farm, Rixeyville, Va., we are able to give the 1958 breeding schedule for their mares which is as follows. \*Chemuka (Palestine), in foal to Eight Thirty, booked to \*Turn-To; Legend Bearer (The Porter), a winner, stakes placed and stakes producer, in foal to \*My Babu, booked to Nashua; Silver Smoke (\*Mahmoud), a winner, stakes placed and stakes producer,

in foal to Spy Song, booked to Hasty Road; Orage (Pilate), a winner herself and the producer of winners, in foal to Bimelech, booked to Battlefield; Halcyon Days (Halcyon), a half-sister to Counterpoint, a winner and producer of winners in foal to Knockdown, booked to Mr. Busher; Trojan Dance (\*Priam), unraced, in foal to Battlefield, which will be her second foal, booked to \*Double Eclipse; Great Eyes (\*Goya), a half-sister to Vulcan's Forge, in foal to Bryan G., booked to Royal Coinage; Delicatus (Roman), a producer of winners, in foal to Knockdown, booked to Dark Star; Burning Bright (Whichone), producer of 3 stakes winners and 1 stakes placed in 4 to race, barren, in foal to Native Dancer; Boojiana (Boojum), a stakes winner and producer, barren, booked to Jet Action; Audrey Lea (Roman), a winner, barren and booked to Hill Prince which will be her second foal; Early Heath (Milkman), a winner, barren, booked to Double Jay which will be her second foal; Noticing (Transmute), a winner and stakes producer, barren, booked to Mr. Gus; Big Push (Peace Chance), a winner, stakes placed and stakes producer, barren, booked to Saratoga; Idiom (\*Blenheim), half-sister to Straightface, a winner, barren, booked to \*Arctic Prince; Dipsy Doodle (Equipoise), a stakes winner and a stakes producer, barren booked to \*John Constable; Equidistant (Equipoise), a winner and stakes producer, barren, booked to Spy Song; Angelus Tempo (\*Pharamond), producer of stakes placed, barren, booked to Knockdown; Lask (Bull Lea), unraced, producer of stakes winner and other good winners, barren, booked to Dedicate.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### ROLLING PLAINS MATRONS

Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr. of Rolling Plains Stable, Unionville, Chester County, Pa. has recently sold to Mr. Frank C. Rand of Santa Fe, New Mexico, the young \*Djeddah mare, Miss Gusher, who is in foal to Jet's Jewel. Retained in the broodmare barn are: Rytina, in foal to Polynesian, booked to Beau Max; High Stepper, in foal to Bimelech, booked to Sailor; Fairest One, in foal to Battlefield, booked to \*Turn-To; Clickety Clack, in foal to Mark-Ye-Well, booked to Traffic Judge; Skimmer, in foal to Roman, booked to Citation; Woodlark (Bois Roussell-Aurora), a half-sister to Alycidon and Acropolis, booked to Mark-Ye-Well.

Mrs. Walker writes: "Humphrey Finney bought us a weanling in England - a

colt by Supreme Court out of Joyce Grove by Bois Roussell. Columnist Clive Graham called this colt and one other the two best looking weanlings in the entire Doncaster sale. Elmendorf has a 2-year-old, just turned 3, called Day Court (by Petition), out of Joyce Grove, very promising. Second dam is Samovar, one of the best fillies of her year."

## FLORIDA

### FLORIDA'S BREEDERS SALES

Sixty 2-year-olds in training consigned to the annual sales of the Florida Breeders' Sales Association by Ocala Stud Farm, Rosemere Farm, Inc., D. F. Stewart, Bonnie Heath Farm, bought a total of \$294,700 or an average of \$4,911 apiece. Top of the sale was the New Jersey-bred Count Amore (Count Flame - Amore Mia, by Sun Again), consigned by the Bonnie Heath Farm and purchased by John E. McAuliff of Plainfield, N. J. for \$30,000. W. E. Leach, who recently sold his stud farm at Ocala to Bonnie Heath and Jackson Dudley, paid the second high price of the sale - \$15,000 - for Combatant, (Combat Boots - Hipetyhop, by Canter) bred in Florida by the Ocala Stud Farm. Among those attending the sale were Lou Doherty, Leo Edwards, Dave Feldman, Amory S. Haskell, Danny Van Clief, Matt Winn Williamson, W. H. Veeneman, Freeman Keyes, Warner L. Jones, Jr., the Mackle Brothers, Horace Wade, George Swinebrod and Bill Evans of the Breeders' Sales Company, H. P. Morency of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, Bill Beasley and Fred W. Hooper.

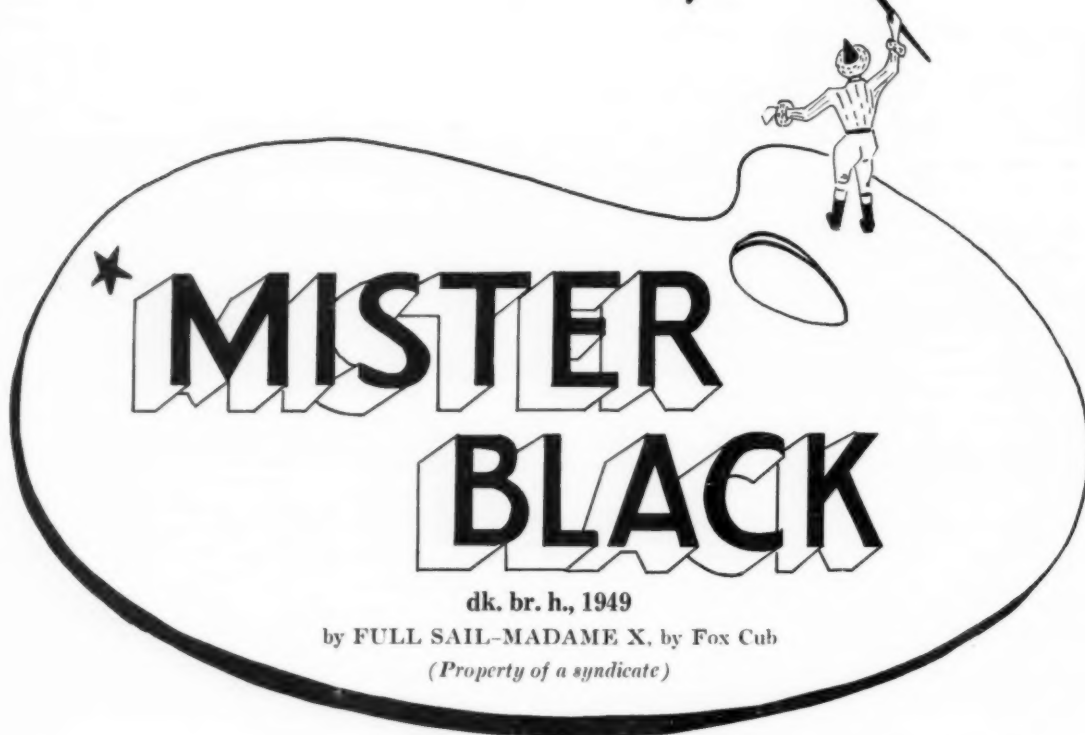
There was also a good show of trainers including Harold O. Simmons, Johnny Nerud, Elliot Burch, John Passero, John J. Halley, Jack Skirvin, Frank Cundall, Skippy Shapoff, Rannie Parish, Eddie Yowell, Morris Dixon, Lenny Hunt, William La Rue, Jim Hastie, Jimmy Vaughn, Ira Hanford, Hugh Fontaine, John and Gene Jacobs, Frankie Sanders, Yorkie McLeod, Moody and Tom Jolley, Kay Jensen, George Roberts, and Eddie Neloy.

### CARL ROSE

Carl Rose of Rosemere Farm, Ocala, Fla., newly elected president of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, former chairman of the State Racing Commission and former president of the American Thoroughbred Breeders Association, came to Florida from Indiana over 30 years ago and acquired over 5,000 acres of limestone land in the Ocala area. He bred his first horse in Florida in 1938 and has since encouraged many other Thoroughbred breeders to locate in this neighborhood, including Jack Dudley and Bonnie Heath, owner of the 1956 Kentucky Derby winner Needles, who was also a local product. Rosemere Farm is managed by Elmer Heubeck. About 36 foals are expected this spring.

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## Hunting Tour

Wilbur Hubbard, M.F.H.

Since my own hunting country is located in that tidewater section of Maryland where there is extensive shooting of wild ducks and geese in addition to the shooting of deer, quail, rabbits, pheasants, squirrels, doves, etc., etc., there is a period each year when the territory for foxhunting is very limited. This gives me more opportunity to hunt with other packs than most masters. There was great temptation to return to the British Isles where I had such wonderful sport last year, but that was resisted in favor of hunting with different packs in this country.

A business trip North and a meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation held in Massachusetts afforded an opportunity to see some of the hunts in that area. An old friend, Harry Middendorf, who came from Maryland, kindly asked me to stay at his farm in Hamilton, Mass. He and Mrs. Middendorf gave a dinner, inviting the Master of Myopia, C. G. Rice, and Mrs. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. (Bunny) Sears and Mrs. Richard Story. Also Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prince came in. Needless to say, the conversation was about hunting, past and present.

### Myopia

The next morning we hunted with the Myopia Drag Hounds. They hunt very early (cubbing hours) so the business men can have a gallop and still get to

their offices in Boston for a day's work.

Mr. Rice hunted hounds himself and whipping-in to him was Neil Ayer who hunted with Green Spring Valley Hounds several seasons ago. My mount was a little Thoroughbred bay mare, a very good jumper. We had 3 runs over carefully laid out rides. It is amazing how they have contrived to cut these rides so that one sees few of the houses in such thickly settled areas. They had checks in each run to simulate foxhunting and to give horses and hounds a breather. Drag hounds always run fast and horses were in a lather after each run. The jumps were of normal height and well placed.

The Drag Hunts always seem to take out very few hounds although they may have many more in Kennels. This morning they had five couples. They were cross bred showing more American blood than English. A mink drag was used and hounds do not seem to give much tongue on that. On any drag, hounds have a tendency to use less voice than on a fox.

With the very limited territory in residential areas, there are relatively few places where drag lines can be laid and so each one is necessarily used numbers of times each season. The result is that both horses and hounds know when they are approaching the spot where the drag begins and they get excited just like horses at the post.

It was a pleasant and interesting experience to ride on these drags and such a contrast to hunting at home. After hunting we came in for breakfast, then Harry showed me some of their lovely

broodmares and high priced young race horses.

### Norfolk

The next night was spent with the Nathaniel T. Clarks at Dover, Mass. He is Master of the Norfolk Hunt and he took me first to see his hounds in Kennels and then to see other local packs. All four of the packs I saw were cross-bred, but in different ways. The Norfolk hounds had more American blood and were the most level of the group. Nat has used Orange County blood recently and has some handsome young hounds of the red color with white necks so characteristic of those famous Virginia hounds.

He then took me to see the Millwood Hounds in Kennels. This is another drag pack of which Mrs. Henry S. Hall, Jr. is Master who hunts them herself. When walking them out she seemed to have them well in hand. These hounds have a Welsh cross. Consequently some of them have quite rough coats and those lovely deep Welsh voices. I was sorry not to have gone out with this pack to hear how much cry they would have on a drag line.

We also went to see the hounds of the Groton Hunt of which Mrs. Robert E. Carter III has been Master for 2 seasons. She also hunts her hounds, and is now hunting the fox, which is possible there because they are farther from Boston and have a great deal more open country. This is also a cross bred pack but showing more of the smaller English type. This is about to be changed for Mrs. Carter said she is now breeding to American hounds of the Walker strain. The comparison of these various packs was most interesting. Too bad time did not permit hunting with all of them.

However, I did go out with the Norfolk Hounds. Nat Clark, the Master, also

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hunts the hounds himself. This day he took out 7 couples. They were well mannered in kennels and on the road, but here again hounds were so keen to go that when they approached the place where they knew the drag would begin, it was hard to keep them in hand. When they hit the line they really flew. Nat had graciously mounted me on his favorite chestnut horse and we had grand galloping and jumping on a couple of runs with this pack. Riding behind these drag packs was certainly a novel experience for me, and the cordial hospitality extended to me made the whole trip one of great pleasure.

The West Chester

By way of contrast after the New England drags, I hunted with some of the Penn-Marydel packs near Philadelphia. The first of these was the West Chester, an unregistered pack hunting part of the Brandywine territory on a very friendly basis, and not recognized only because the country has been claimed by Brandywine for many years. There seems to be enough foxes to support both packs.

Mr. Joseph Murtagh, the Master, hunts the hounds and does a good job. The West Chester hounds are the old fashioned type of Penn-Marydels which have been raised in my own neighborhood ever since I can remember. They have deep, heavy voices and are not too fast, but have the nose to really trail a fox.

It was the beginning of the rabbit shooting season and there were gunners in the fields everywhere, which certainly was no help to our sport. Hounds found a line and worked it slowly until we came to a valley where the fox got up out of tall grass on the side of a hill in full view of all the field. Joe did not excite his hounds by rushing them to the spot, but rode slowly over there while they worked

the line to where the fox was viewed. Then they were away across the hill. This big red fox doubled and twisted and we viewed him several times. His actions indicated to me that he was afraid of the many gunners. We followed over hills and through woods, but everywhere were confronted by them. Hounds finally marked their zig zag quarry to ground in the valley where McKelvie horses were turned out, after 25 minutes of slow difficult work. The earth was only a couple of hundred yards from where we first saw him get up.

Later hounds began to speak in a woods. We viewed this fox away, also up a long sloping hill. Joe lifted his hounds this time and put them on the line and they were away. There were not quite so many gunners in this area and we had a better run. With a number of checks, they ran this fox an hour and a half. Sometimes they ran it well and at good speed, then again they would be down to cold trailing after a check, but would work the line until they got closer to him and increased their speed.

Like most Penn-Marydels and many other American hounds this pack needs little assistance from the huntsman. At a check they cast themselves. Only once did they make a wrong cast. That was at a road by a stream where it was evident that the fox had been turned by a car on the road. One of the car followers had viewed him on beyond by some farm buildings. Hounds were put on the line and away they went. It was fun to gallop and jump over those nice rolling hills after a pack which gave so much music that you always knew where they were.

In the field were a number of people I knew besides the Murtaghs, such as Bunny and Becky Sharp, the pretty Mrs. Robinson and Morris Dixon. The field was not large but quite a few were mounted on very good looking Thoroughbred horses.



A recent guest of the West Hills Hunt Club, Calif., was Charles N. Steele, former Master of Mill Creek Hunt, Wadsworth, Ill. Here he is seen riding alongside West Hills Hunt Secretary, Isabel Young. (Evelyn Hill Photo)

## THE CHRONICLE

Mr. Jeffords

Another Penn-Marydel pack which I visited was that of Walter Jeffords, Jr. at Andrews Bridge, Pa. These black and tan hounds I have seen and judged many times at hound shows, but never before seen them all together in kennels or in the field. They are on the whole smaller and lighter than most hounds of the breed, but many of them have straighter legs and better feet. This is a private pack which formerly belonged to Mr. Jeffords, Sr. and was turned over to his son 2 or 3 years ago.

The field is very small. It is almost a family affair. There were certainly the extremes of age. There was the whole Jeffords family, mother, father, two boys aged 9 and 7 and the 5-year old daughter following on a pony with a groom holding a lead line. At the other extreme was Mr. Gerhard Leiper, aged 81, and the huntsman, George Shivery is 77. It was a very poor scenting day. Three foxes were found, but hounds did not run any of them very long. It was pleasant to ride over that pretty rolling country.

Eagle Farms

The Eagle Farms Hunt is a private pack maintained by Mr. Joseph Neff Ewing and his brother-in-law Mr. William Ashton. This is another of the old fashioned Penn-Marydel packs of hounds. They are bred for performance and believe me they have it - nose and voice.

Mr. Ewing kindly mounted me on a lightweight bay mare with perfect manners. It was the first decent day after that dreadful spell of ice and snow in December. It was lovely overhead, but still a bit bad under foot in spots. The first panel we jumped out of what remained of snow drifts, but that is much better than ice on where it is thawed on top, but still frozen underneath.

The first few coverts were drawn blank and I was awfully glad, for the shady side of the first big hill was greasy on top and my careful mount slipped at almost every step going down it. Fortunately the temperature continued to rise and the going improved.

Hounds found on a wooded ridge and opened with that lovely harmonious cry of Penn-Marydels. They ran only about 12 minutes before the fox went to ground in an open field.

Walter Hill, who has hunted this pack for many years, retired this year. He is said to have had one of the most remarkable voices in this country. I was sorry not to have heard him. Albert Hague, who whipped in to him for years, now hunts the hounds.

Albert next drew down to the lower end of a woods. We stood still until he was almost out of hearing. Then hounds went away. I followed Bill Ashton. We had a terrific gallop to catch them.

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Hounds ran this fox well and fast covering a 4 mile point. Then the fox started back home, but was evidently turned by the car followers on a road. Here we saw excellent hound work, for they did not go 50 feet beyond where the fox turned, then cast themselves and picked up the line. It was all the more remarkable because the fox had been running on one side of a fence when the cars turned him he ducked through the fence and right back on the other side of the same fence, so that it almost looked as though hounds were running heel until the line led them off at an angle. Then ran him back to a woods and marked him at a den among some rocks. They stayed right there marking their fox without encouragement or assistance until we arrived some minutes later. This was a good fast run of 37 minutes. We all felt it would have been much longer had the fox not been turned.

That night we enjoyed a very pleasant dinner with the Ewings and Ashtons at the Ewings lovely home near Valley Forge.

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Looking back on the season now drawing to an end one finds bad weather to be the rule and a horrifying number of "poors" in the "scent column". The drought during cubbing and stretching into the fall, precipitation high in November and December, and constant freeze-ups have made good days really few. It is thrilling however, to see a superb pack of foxhounds well handled under all circumstances and to know that it is possible to keep hounds steady on deer despite the ever increasing herds

and this season's poor scenting conditions.

Saturday November 24th, Seventeen couple left the picturesque meet at Mrs. K. B. Schley's "Field Farm" to draw the lower meadow. Found almost immediately and hounds streaked away across Moseley's and into Cowperthwaite's giving us a speedy twenty-five minutes circling hunt to go to ground in the hedgerow near the "open silo". Found again at the edge of Futter woods. Hounds were almost on top of their fox and fairly flew out across the lovely Schley galloping fields, screaming at the breast high scent. Reynard popped into refuge beside Rattlesnake Bridge, being very much pressed during this searing fifteen minute burst. Crossed the river at Hofmanns and, after drawing Orsenigo's blank, proceeded toward Ralph Rives "River to River" covert. Hounds spoke on a line in the open, soon straightened it out and ran well into the big covert. Our fox was viewed out on the other side by car followers and the music was now ringing through the woods as they ran straight through and emerged on the other side, Tim '52, Wanda '54 and Transport '56, leading. Our pilot ran a zigzagging course through Howells, and Fox Hollow to Mettlers, checking occasionally in the thick coverts. Hounds were really brought to their noses in the Mettler pines, and our fox (according to the "iron curtain") got a good fifteen minute lead. Scent seemed to diminish with snow in the air and the ensuing hunt was a show of brilliant hound work. Back through Hofmann's and Howells Reynard went, crossing and re-crossing Rattlesnake Bridge road and finally popped into a drain in the Howell barnyard. As huntsman Buster Chadwell was involved in settling an argument between Fireman '55 and Rustler '52 at the drain, Reynard ducked out the other end far across the farm lane and some tail hounds opened on him afresh. It took a moment to get them together, and our fox, with only

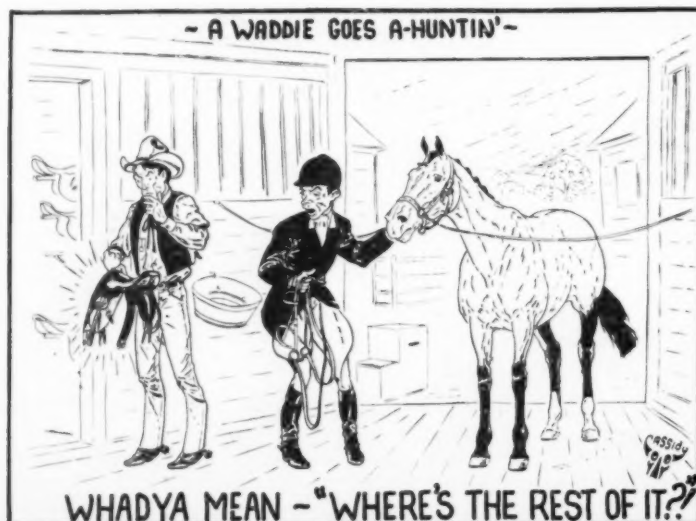
## THE CHRONICLE

a couple and a half to press him, managed to get another lead in the big Hovell covert. Once together they took him down thru Hofmann's and Donald Hyde's farm to the North Branch road. Snow now began to fall and our pilot was some twenty-five minutes ahead. Hounds laboriously worked the line for almost a mile down the hard road to Rives' where Reynard had first been found, swung left handed and with somewhat more drive ran along the river almost to the graveyard, where scent failed completely as the wet snow gathered force. This was a truly fine "hound hunt" of one hour and twenty-five minutes.

Monday, January 27th. From the meet at Mrs. Ballantine's Gate nineteen couple of hounds drew almost all of our Hacklebarney country blank. This is a large, wild and mountainous piece of land ideal for "old fashioned" foxhunting. At three o'clock a very depressed field waited for the last draw. Not to disappoint the thundering herd a fine big red fox appeared and went away with hounds flying behind him to give us a fast and furious run in three large circles embracing all of this piece of country. Hounds marked the earth with wild enthusiasm at four fifteen.

Wednesday, January 29th. The thaw lasted and the fields were all a-mush with the frost mostly out of the ground. Leaving the meet at Mr. Slater's nineteen couple drew Freeman's pines and the Beehive blank. Hounds opened in the Greenhouse covert and, being right behind their fox with breast high scent, went out flying across Jimmy Brady's beautifully panelled pastures. The writer was delayed momentarily with tail hounds, and almost lost the run as a result. Our fox swung left handed after crossing Long Lane and took a straight course for the river, running its edge almost to Pottersville where he turned east thru La Tourette's, Zuhlke's, past Mrs. Clucas' house back across Long Lane and finally to ground in the ruins of an old barn near the Dillon stable. This was, I think, the fastest forty minutes I have had behind hounds!

In the meantime some of the aforementioned tail hounds never got away and had found a fresh fox. The pack was soon together and made three circles around the bottomless "graveyard" country. Finally our pilot got tired of dodging cedars in the mud and set his mask east and the south, scooting through the large Freeman covert, making his way out along the brook and across the Lamington Road at McNamara's. Hounds were about five minutes behind their fox, but scent was evidently not quite as good as it had been. They had some trouble straightening him out until he crossed the road, when they went away with good cry and drove him down thru Dewey's, Merck's,



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William Crane, Chesterland, Ohio, and veteran Virginia foxhunter Roger Lambdon out with the Orange County Hunt. Hawkins Photo)

## Essex Fox Hounds

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crossed the River Road at Fords and ran straight along the river's bank, across the Burnt Mills Road to McCashins. Here they had real trouble at the swampy river's edge. At this moment, as we galloped toward hounds, Mrs. DeCoursey Fales' grand mare "Georgiana" was fatally injured by a sharp stick which broke off under another horse's feet and speared her. A freak accident and the end of a truly great hunter.

Hounds finally worked their line out in the swamp, took it right thru Burnt Mills and again along the river for a short distance before turning into Yeager's and across Futter's into John Cowperthwaites - all this last with renewed drive. Our pilot - a really "straight-necked" fox now seemed to be heading for Pidcocks and when hounds made a loss at Rattlesnake Bridge Road they were taken off the line, it now being three-thirty - this fox was found a little after one! This was a truly memorable hunt and a very tired group started the hack home. Our fox had literally run from one end of the country to the other. Eighteen couple of hounds finished the day including Bryn Mawr winner Tom '56 who is doing fine work this season. Somerset County

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Since the season opened officially on Sunday October 13, 1957, there have been a total of sixteen formal Sunday afternoon meets. In all, including formal and informal hunts, but not including field trials or preparation for field trails, hounds have been out a total of thirty-five times since September 1st.

Fields have numbered from one hundred forty followers on a bright and cheerful Sunday before Christmas to a mere thirty-five on a cold and rainy Sunday. One and one-half brace of hare have been killed and an additional brace would certainly have been killed but for some spectacular life saving. On one occasion the whipper-in picked up an exhausted hare and laid it under a tree to recover while the huntsman took the hounds away. On the same day the huntsman threw himself in front of the lead hound to save a leveret. Treweryn has had only one blank Sunday, the day on which there were one hundred and forty followers. The best days have been the opening meet when hounds hunted one hare for an hour and ten minutes ending in a kill; November 24th where hounds hunted one hare for almost two hours, driving her out of her country and were whipped off only because hounds had run three and a half miles in a straight line from the point of beginning right to the edge of the town of West Chester; December 8th, where hounds hunted one hare for one hour and fifty minutes through driving rain and drizzle; December 29th, a joint meet with the Nantucket, where hounds took their first hare on a four-mile point, driving hard, and then ran a second hare for thirty-five minutes; Sunday January 12th, where hounds pushed a hare hard and slow for an hour and a half

over patchy snow, and Sunday January 19th, where hounds worked long and hard, in bitter cold with a driving wind to follow one hare for just short of two hours.

One of the innovations this season was the use of bicycles for exercising the hounds during the middle of the week. Owing to the extension of daylight saving time, the staff found that it was unable to hunt hounds, then return home to wash up and still get into their offices by nine o'clock. It was found that it saved a lot of time for the huntsman and one whipper-in to take the entire pack out for a four-mile bicycle ride every Wednesday morning and that they could still reach their offices in Philadelphia by nine o'clock. "Beagler"

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The Ottawa Valley Branch of the Pony Club, inactive since its participation in the 1957 Rally held at Markham last year, under the new District Commissioner, Major Meridith Jarvis, is holding a meeting of Pony Club parents to get the 1958 season underway.

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The past District Commissioner, Mrs. Bodil Weaver, resigned as she was leaving for her native Denmark last summer. At the last meeting of the Pony Club officials held in July at Mrs. Charles Jennings home Dr. J. Hannah was elected Secretary and Mr. T. Anderson, who had previously done a fine job as treasurer, was re-elected to that post. At that time a committee of three was set aside with the task of finding a District Commissioner. In early October Major Jarvis consented to take on this position and assure the future of the Ottawa Valley Branch of the Pony Club.

While this re-organization was taking place it was thought advisable by the

Joint Masters of the Ottawa Valley Hunt, Capt. G. T. Mayburry and Col. Cuthbert Scott, to have the Hunt assume all responsibility of the Pony Club, except financially, and to act in an advisory capacity. This resolution was presented and passed at a meeting of the Hunt Directors last July. A few weeks ago Major Jarvis asked Miss Helen Chamberlain if she would once more take over the duties of Chief Instructor, a position she has put tremendous effort into during the past. With such a commendable line-up of officers and the keen interest of the Joint Masters the future of the Pony Club looks bright indeed.

Canadian National Rally news is now definitely confirmed and can be reported upon. The Ottawa Valley Branch of the

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Pony Club will be host to the 1958 Rally and plans are already getting underway. A committee of three, namely Col. Scott, Capt. Mayburry and Major Jarvis, has done a lot of ground work in connection with the location of the Rally. At a

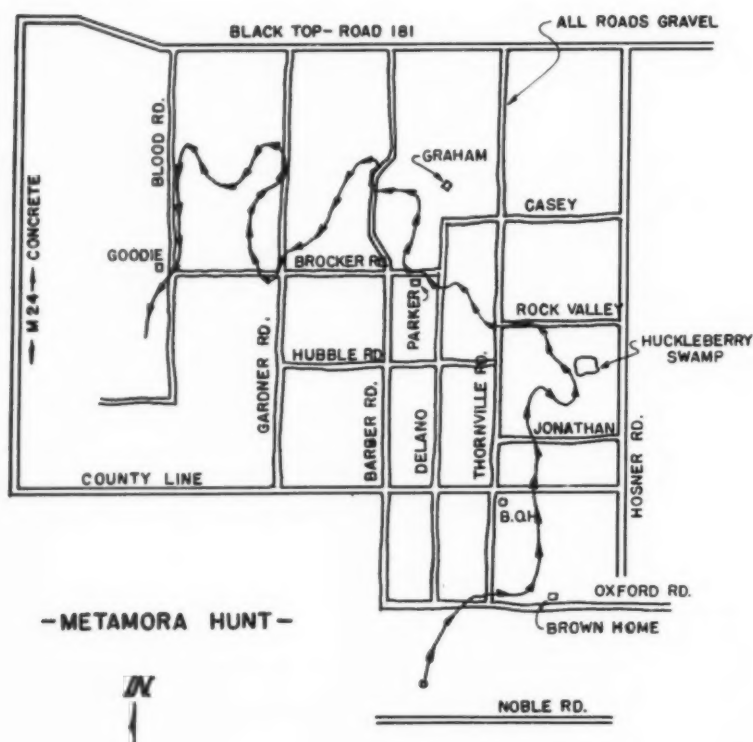


recent meeting of the Hunt Directors this committee reported its findings and the resolution was passed to hold the Rally at Richmond, a village not far from Ottawa. The situation, as presented by the committee, seems ideal with an outdoor ring as well as the tremendous asset of an indoor ring. The cross-country lends itself to suitable courses and living arrangements are most satisfactory. However, more details of this later and in the meantime a vote of admiration to this staunch committee of three who have put such enthusiastic effort into promoting the Rally and who have undertaken the tremendous responsibility of fund raising.

N. B. W.

DECEMBER 14, 1957

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-METAMORA HUNT-

Most descriptions of foxhunts have local interest only because it is possible for readers in that area to tell the difference between expressions like "Jones barn" or the "Doolittle spring house." In the Metamora Hunt country of Michigan there are occasionally outstanding runs and the attached map will give to any hunter an idea of its length by means of the roads. The average distance between the gravel roads as shown on the map is one mile. This will give an idea of the total distance, which was calculated roughly to be nine miles. More important in this instance is the fact that the pace was really at the rate of a point-to-point, even though the footing was quite heavy under drifted snow. Only two members and the staff were present at the end of the run.

### METAMORA HUNT

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Having decided to trade in her hound couplings for the bonds of matrimony, Miss Charlotte Nichols, Hon. Whipperin, requested a fixture at her stables the day before her wedding. So, on Friday, January 31st, a small but enthusiastic field turned up in the falling snow. True to the tradition of the confused bride, the honoree held up hounds half an hour, allowing the riders to have a dividend from the stirrup cup.

With the snow coming down gently, but steadily, and no tracks evident, the "experts" agreed that it was fine to have a ride for Miss Nichols' last go in Michigan, but that of course no fox would be abroad in such weather. Mr. Charles Backus, Master of the North Country Beagles, who was acting as Field Master, pointed out to MFH Edward Parker that hawks weren't flying, which meant that the rabbits weren't out, and smart foxes didn't waste time hunting unless the hawks were airborne. Hounds were limbered out in the huckleberry swamp and the nearby wood lots, and by the time cleared land was reached, the snow was petering out.

Cold Brook was followed down to Gorenflo's south forty with nothing to show but exercise. Pardee's hills also drew blank. Crossing west, with time running out, Huntsman Lasher put his fifteen couple into Rucker's pines, the field remaining on top of the hill, and Miss Nichols in a strategic spot in the next meadow.

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Then it happened. A big dog fox loped out of the pines; perhaps he didn't know about hawks, maybe he had been courting and just wanted to act gallantly before a bride-to-be, but anyhow, there he was. Due to the thickness of the woods, it took a precious few minutes for the pack to be collected and put on the line. The field, with a clear view and a head start, were already flanking the line, holding back more or less to give hounds and huntsman a chance to get out in front.

The Flint River at this spot meanders through swampland, which is beset with bogs and nasty going for horses. Local foxes take advantage of this, and by frequent crossings, usually succeed in separating the lead hounds from the huntsman. Down the river he flew, on the ice. But Whipper-in Middleton had found the ice to his liking too, since the ford had frozen solid enough to support his horse. So when Reynard thought he had the north bank to himself, he was seen again, and hounds were urged over. The field was already too far east, so crossed at the Thornville Road bridge, getting back on the run through the Springbrook Farm feeding lot, half a mile behind the pack.

Snow on the ground and an upwind run made it easy to pick up the line, which turned west into Church's woods, then back across the Thom farm to the river. The fox was apparently making a full circle and heading for the pines from whence he came. Once more he lured the pack from the staff, making the horses take the long route over another bridge. This was Charlotte Nichols' own special hunt, however, and there she was out in the lead, galloping her Horse Marine over Mrs. Rucker's bottom, determined to beat the fox to his lair. Realizing that he was out-manuevered, Mr. Bushy-tail doubled back in an open drain to the Flint, which he crossed for the third time. But the field, lead by the huntsman, this time rode across the frozen ford, refusing to make any more detours to bridges. Fox, hounds and hunters were all in the same field, when the quarry found an earth he had missed the first trip around, and thus saved his brush for another day. It was a 45 minute run without a check, and mighty good going for horses with sharp calks.

Following the hunt, a farewell breakfast was given at the Metamora Club by the Hunt Governors to honor the Hon., Whipper-in. It was considered an auspicious omen that her intended, even though a Californian, had stayed the whole way, so possibly her defection may only be temporary. At the conclusion of the breakfast, the huntsman sounded "Gone Away", although the last word came from the Master of Beagles, who was heard muttering in his cups that he would never trust the judgment of hawks again.

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## U. S. E. T.

### News

#### Board of Directors Minutes

A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of U. S. Equestrian Team, Inc. was called to order immediately following the Annual Meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 18.

Mr. Whitney Stone, President, presided.

Present were: Messrs: Aitken, Barney, (Mrs.) Barney, Boye, Cole, (Mrs.) Dennehy, Devereux, Duffy, (Mrs.) Durand, Glaser, Hart, Haskell, Henry, Hofmann, Hopper, Kuhn, Mahler, (Mrs.) McDonald, Montgomery, Norton, (Mrs.) Scott, Stackpole, Staley, Steinkraus, Stone, Summer, Tuckerman, Van Sinderen, Watkins.

Noting the number present constituted a quorum, the President declared the meeting in order.

On a motion duly made and seconded a reading of the Minutes of the last Directors Meeting, held on September 7, 1957 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was dispensed with and unanimously approved as submitted by mail.

The President then asked for the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Maj. Gen. A. G. Tuckerman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following nominations to hold office for the ensuing year.

President - Whitney Stone; Exec. Vice-President - Brig. Gen. F. W. Boye; Vice President - Walter B. Devereux; Treasurer - Brig. Gen. F. W. Boye; Secretary - Andrew M. Montgomery.

Zone Vice-Presidents: 1. Mrs. William C. Cox; 2. Philip B. Hofmann; 3. Maj. Gen. A. H. Stackpole; 4. Mrs. A. C. Randolph; 5. Lowry Watkins; 6. William M. Summer; 7. Charles B. Sweatt; 8. Walter G. Staley; 9. Dr. Charles L. Brown; 10. James M. R. Glaser.

There being no other nominations, on motion duly made and seconded the above named individuals were unanimously elected to hold office for the ensuing year.

Gen. Tuckerman, on behalf of the Nominating Committee then presented the names of the existing members of the Executive committee for re-election for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Barney, Boye, Cole, Devereux, Haskell, Henry, Montgomery, Stackpole, Stone and Tuckerman.

There being no other nominations, on motion duly made and seconded, the existing members were unanimously re-elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Amory L. Haskell inquired of the President if the existing Board of Directors had reached its full compliment of 75. On being informed that there were several vacancies, he proposed the name of Mr. James Stewart, President of T.R.A., an organization representing 41 race-tracks, for election to the Board, subject to Mr. Stewart's approval.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried Mr. James Stewart was elected to the Board of Directors subject to his approval.

Mr. Lowry Watkins then suggested that a U.S.E.T. representative present the plans of U.S.E.T. to the Master of Fox Hounds Assoc. in order to enlist any aid from this organization they may be willing to give.

The President offered to contact Mr. Chester La Roche of the Master of Fox Hounds.

Mr. William Joshua Barney, Jr., proposed that the Board consider establishing an Endowment Fund in connection with the forthcoming Financial Campaign as a means of interesting potential benefactors who might prefer this type of fund rather than a regular donation. He noted that this type of fund might appeal particularly to business corporations.

No action being taken on this matter, it was referred to the Chairman of the Financial Campaign Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Barney then made a motion that these minutes show the appreciation of the Board of Directors to those responsible for the well prepared and well conducted Annual Meeting held prior to this Directors Meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded this motion was unanimously approved.

No further business being brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Andrew M. Montgomery  
Secretary.

#### Equestrian Team Tour

The U. S. Equestrian Team, currently in training at Tryon, N. C., has announced the schedule of dates for its planned invasion of the European show circuit this summer.

Tentatively the team plans to leave the Tryon quarters in mid-April, shipping to Greenwich, Conn., where they will complete training before flying to Europe in mid-May. Ten horses and four riders will make the trip under the supervision

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of coach Bert de Nemethy. The selection of horses and riders has not been announced as yet.

In addition to a number of smaller training shows which will be selected by de Nemethy upon arrival on the European scene, the team is scheduled to compete at the following CHIO events:

June 27 - July 6, Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen); July 20 - 26, London; Aug. 5 - 9, Dublin; Aug. 14 - 31, Ostend Le Zoute; Sept. 3 - 7, Rotterdam.

Two riders and five horses are slated to return to this country at the conclusion of the Rotterdam show to form the nucleus of the team for the fall international indoor circuit at Harrisburg, New York and Toronto. The remaining horses and riders will stay in England, continuing preparation for the 1959 early show season abroad and the Pan American Games in Chicago.

At the present time De Nemethy and team captain Bill Steinkraus are working with a squad of 11 horses. Included are the veteran performers Night Owl, First Boy, Wonabet, Rip Miller and Master William. Newcomers to the team include Mr. and Mrs. Walter Devereux' Sinbad, recently purchased from Cappy Smith, Anthony Del Balso's Hydromah, Bernie Mann's Riviera Wonder, Charles Hickok's Mountain Briar and Justin Yozell's Chic's Doe.

Rider George Morris is slated to report for training next week, with Frank Chapot, Hugh Wiley and Charles Dennehy due to check in at a later date.

#### U. S. E. T. Directors

Television and radio star Arthur Godfrey and James D. Stewart, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association have been elected to the Board of Directors of the U. S. E. T., it has been announced by Whitney Stone, president.

The colorful Godfrey has included participation in horse sports among his wide range of interests. An avid Arabian breeder and student of dressage, he is also active in Thoroughbred racing.

Stewart, a native of Illinois, is currently vice president and general manager of Hollywood Park race track in California.

#### Jumper Course Competition

William C. Steinkraus, Chairman of the A.H.S.A. Jumper Committee, has announced that the U. S. Equestrian Team is sponsoring a Jumper Course Design Competition in 1958 for which a trophy and cash prizes will be awarded the winners at the next American Horse Shows Convention in New York. Any Horse Show wishing to, may submit as many as three jumper course designs between now and November 1, 1958. These will be judged for the best course design by the Captains of the International Teams present and competing at the National Horse Show in New York.



Friday, February 21, 1958

## Olympic Games in Danger

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Sofia in September it was decided to abolish the Team Events in the equestrian section of the Olympic Games. The F.E.I. met in Brussels in December and agreed on a vigorous letter of protest which was sent to Mr. Avery Brundage, asking for the matter to be re-considered by the I.O.C. when they meet in Tokyo on May 14th. The F.E.I. are most anxious to retain the team character of the "Jumping" and "3-Day Event" competitions.

So the fate of the Olympic Equestrian events is likely to be settled by the I.O.C. in Tokyo, and the F.E.I. have asked to be represented at the meeting.

The Olympic Committee is presumably a democratic organization in which each nation represented must have a vote. The result would therefore appear to depend on whether the members of the I.O.C. have been made aware of the importance of this question; and if they are well informed, there should be some hope of the equestrian teams being retained.

To me, the issue is clear. The equestrian events are a wonderful, popular and essential part of the Olympic Games. If the teams are abolished, then the two major equestrian events lose their character, and a large part of their interest and excitement. The Olympic Games loses by having two of its most thrilling events greatly reduced in value, and so does equestrian sport, when its greatest goal loses much of its interest.

The only hope, it seems, is for national federations to put the case strongly to the National Olympic Councils, so that disaster may be avoided at the Tokyo meeting in May.

Very truly yours,  
I. H. Dudgeon  
Dublin, N. H.

(Editor's note: The following letters were exchanged by Prince Bernhard, president of the F.E.I. and Avery Brundage, president and U. S. representative of the Olympic Committee:)

Dear Prince Bernhard:

The decision of the International Olympic Committee to abolish so-called artificial team events, that is, events where the victory is obtained by adding the results of individual competitions, was not directed particularly at equestrian sport. It was a proposal which has been before the I.O.C. for many years. The reasons for its adoption are that, they are not events at all but only a summation of individual efforts. A relay team or a football team or an 8 man-crew are entirely different.

To recognise artificial teams is to give two Olympic medals for one single performance. Moreover, it was felt that if there were no artificial teams the number

of entries would be substantially lower. Already, many Federations are faced with the problem of reducing the entries because it is impossible to handle the maximum allowed by our present rules.

We now recognise over ninety National Olympic Committees. If each one, or if even only half of them sent teams to the 3-Day Events, how would you be able to handle them in the allotted time during the Olympic Games?

There was also a proposal to drop all team Games such as football, basketball, water polo and hockey, but this was defeated.

I remember very well our conversation at Stockholm, in which I promised to support your proposal for an extra rider in the 3-Day event in order to avoid eliminating a team because of injuries and accident. I think I mentioned the fact, however, that these proposals to abolish team events have been before the I.O.C. for a number of years. I pointed out that there is of course, no change in the competition, which remains exactly as it was.

Count Campello spoke to me over the telephone when I passed through Rome after our session in Sofia, but I did not get a chance to see him before I left. I gave him a brief account of the proceedings in Bulgaria, over the telephone.

Our next meeting is in Tokyo, May 14th to 17th, 1958.

While one of the fundamental principles of the Olympic Movement is to welcome the youth of the world, obviously it is impossible to accommodate all. I am sure the F.E.I. will face this situation soon, regardless of what the I.O.C. does. We are therefore forced to adopt some restrictions. There is also the cost of staging the Games, which has reached a fantastic figure.

Sincerely,  
Avery Brundage

Dear Mr. Brundage:

I wish to thank you for your letter dated November 6th, in which you elaborate on the decision of the International Olympic

Committee to abolish the so-called "artificial" Team Events.

The decision contained in your letter was the more surprising since our delegates had reported that at the meeting at Evian, (June) your personal assurance had been given to them that the recommendation of the F.E.I. to increase the Three Day Event to four riders and allow the Show Jumping Team to remain at three was agreed at least for 1960.

Your letter was discussed at length at a meeting of the General Assembly of the Federation Equestre Internationale.

The Bureau and the Assembly gave careful thought to your reasons for arriving at this decision, and unanimously passed the following resolution:

"The Bureau and the General Assembly of the F.E.I. deplore the decision of the International Olympic Committee and regret that the Federation was not given the opportunity of discussing this proposition of the I.O.C. before it was passed. Further, the Federation now requests that this decision be reconsidered and when discussed by the I.O.C. it is asked that the F.E.I. be allowed to be represented."

During the discussions, the following points were emphasized and unanimously agreed.

The hope of every rider is that he will succeed at the Olympic Games and consequently the Horse Shows and Events held during the intermediate years between the Games are stimulated by the endeavors of those who want to gain the experience necessary for the Games. This stimulus provided by the Games has done much for the encouragement of Equestrian Sport, which is increasing in interest and prestige year by year.

At these International Horse Shows and Events pride of place is given to "Team" competitions and, although individuals compete, emphasis is always placed on the "Team" competitions.

Were the Equestrian Federation to do away with these Team competitions, shows and events would soon diminish in importance and within a short space of time might depend upon an entry of a few

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## Riviera Wonder Joins U.S.E.T. Roster

Seeking new worlds to conquer, Riviera Wonder, three-time winner of the Open Jumper Championship at Madison Square Garden's National horse show, has joined the growing roster of equine stars of the U.S.E.T.

The flashy seven-year-old grey has been loaned to the team by Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Mann of Brookville, Long Island, N. Y. and is slated to be shipped to the Tryon training center in the immediate future.

The show world vividly recalls the meteor-like appearance of the gelded son of Bonne Nuit upon the show scene in 1955 when, as a four-year old he swept all before him to take down the coveted Waldorf Astoria Challenge Trophy and the jumper crown at the Garden. Ridden throughout his career by the unorthodox but extremely capable Al Fiore, Riviera Wonder came back the following year to show that his early form was no accident. In 20 shows, the grey was entered in a total of 60 classes. From these 60 appearances in the ring, the Mann standard-bearer emerged with the blue in 45. Nearly all the remainder were either seconds or thirds. The net result of this imposing effort was the crowning of Riviera Wonder as champion at the Garden again and as Reserve High Score AHSA winner.

Mann, a prominent Long Island restaurateur acquired the gelding as the result of a Fourth of July party in 1954. Billy Dobbs, of hunting and racing fame, entertained a party of friends at Mann's place of business in Port Washington. Included in the group were such luminaries of the horse world as Mrs. M. E. Lunn and Aly Khan.

As is customary, the talk turned to horses and the mistress of Llangollen was deep in discussion of jumpers with Mann who was then successfully campaigning the capable Riviera Mann. Mrs. Lunn jocularly asked Mann where he thought the greatest open horses came from.

"I hadn't caught the lady's name when we were introduced," Mann recalls with a grin. "That's probably why I didn't understand her amusement when I said that the greatest jumper could, in my opinion, be found among the get of Bonne Nuit."

The amusement produced in Lunn was apparently tempered by a certain amount of admiration for Mann's views for she asked him how he'd like to own the greatest colt that the stallion had produced.

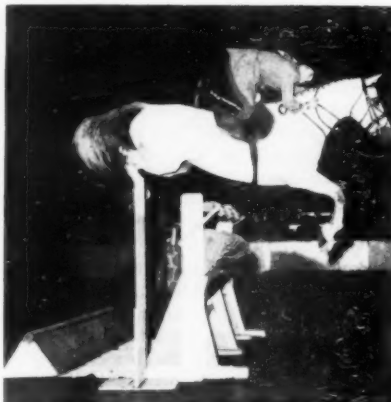
"Then it began to dawn on me who she was," Mann says. "Naturally I thought she was joking but I said I'd love to. With that she picked up the phone and called Llangollen, pointing to them that there was a van coming to Belmont that week with Porterhouse. She told them to put Night Wonder - that's his registered name - on board.

"We agreed that I'd keep him and try him. Then, if he was all she said, I was to get in touch with her and settle up.

"As you can imagine, it didn't take me long to decide that this was the horse for me."

The following year Mann started to campaign the big grey who gave ample evidence from the outset of the amount of heart and "bounce" he possessed.

Now, at seven, with a distinguished record behind him, Riviera Wonder joins the USET squad and such proven performers as First Boy, Night Owl, Nautical, Master William and Wonabet. And ahead of him stretches a whole series of new obstacles, courses and competitions.



RIVIERA WONDER, loaned to the U.S. E.T. by his owners, Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Mann. (Freudy Photo)

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privileged individuals.

It is the opportunity to be a member of a team, that has enthused many a young rider into continuing with the sport although he would possibly have had no opportunity in an Individual Event. Therefore, the effect of abandoning Team competitions in the Olympic Games might well mean the loss to the sport of many a young rider. Surely it is the wish of the I.O.C. to encourage young sportsmen.

Further, should team events be discontinued, it is probable that some of the small nations, who have not the resources to encourage "great" individual performers, but could field a well balanced team of three or four good riders, would be shut out of the Games.

You refer to these team competitions as "artificial". Perhaps your Committee is unaware that the origin of the Three Day Event was the "Mounted Patrol" of four riders riding across country, and was not only a test of horsemanship but also of horsemastership.

You suggest that the F.E.I. would not be able to handle all the teams that might take part. In the Three Day Event and the Show Jumping Competition, each nation is permitted to enter three riders as individ-

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uals. It is possible by the abolition of team competitions that the entry might be reduced by seven or eight competitors and this would mean a saving in time of about thirty minutes.

Since 1912, we have not asked for separate "Individual" and "Team" Competitions, our individual entries always being also Team entries. This was because we always understood your problems of time or expenses.

I can assure you that, if given the opportunity, my Federation will insure that the time taken in recent years will not be exceeded, and since the equestrian competitions are either isolated, or the final event of the programme, the matter of "Time" cannot be given serious consideration.

In fact, the F.E.I. has taken steps - I think you have been informed of it - to insure that unsuitable riders or horses should not be sent to the Olympic Games to avoid unnecessary expenses to the countries and in view of the actual performance of such participants and the unnecessary time involved.

Regarding the matter of expense, it is fully realized the building of courses are a costly undertaking, yet it costs no more to build a course for one competitor than for twenty.

You suggest that the giving of two medals for these competitions in which the rider makes one single performance is a unearned honor. Therefore, my Federation would request that diplomas might be awarded for the individuals and a medal for the team as such.

Since it is unlikely, with a few exceptions, that lady riders will be of sufficiently high standard to be selected for "individual" competitions, a proposition which now requests that the International Olympic Committee provide separate competitions in equestrian events for men and ladies, as arranged in other sports, has been left in abeyance until I hear further from you.

My Federation is unanimous in the hope that you will reconsider your decision to abandon "Team" placings in the equestrian competitions and fear that, should you not do so, it will have a serious effect on Equestrian events and no longer will the stimulus of the Olympic Games encourage so many to participate.

In fact, I myself ask you not only to reconsider the whole question, but also personally support the request of the F.E.I. to have four riders in the Three Day team. I need not remind you that you promised in Stockholm to do so and this was confirmed to our delegates at the Evian meeting.

Yours very sincerely,  
Prince of the Netherlands  
President of the F.E.I.

The following Nations were present or represented at the recent General Assembly: Argentine, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark,  
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Mr. T. E. Wilson on ROUGHTOUR, winner of the blue in the Corinthian Class at the Metamora, (Mich.) show in 1957. (Motor City Photo)



## HORSE SHOWS

### Miami Dinner Key

Winds howled and temperatures dropped on Jan. 30 but this did not keep the Miami Dinner Key Horse Show from opening the '58 AHSA season with a successful bang. Hunters and jumpers came from as far as Michigan and northern Pennsylvania to compete for class B prizes, under the excellent eye of judge Christopher Wadsworth. Crowds cheered as open horses completed the colorful, tight courses, and the hunting horses turned in lovely "way of going" rounds.

Brightest light of the whole show was lovely Laurie Ratliff from Pass Christian, Miss., who won the juvenile working title with her brilliant Little Sombrero, and also was named top junior rider of the show for the ASPCA and all juvenile classes. Laurie, who is only 14, also showed two horses in the older hunter division, where she was reserve with Sombrero, and then busily hopped on her open horses, Ricochet and Cottage Den, to take seconds and thirds consistently against the high jumping crowd. Laurie Ratliff's horsemanship is a delight and credit goes to diligent hours with Curt Dutton, the Ratliff Stables manager and trainer.

J. R. Patterson, owner of Florida's '57 jumper champion, returned from Chester, Pa., with a string of three and cool rider, Frelan Evans. The team of Mr. Midnight and Evans won every open jumping class at Dinner Key and went on to 6' 3", and the crowd's delight, in the spec-

tacular sky-high class.

Waverly Farm's national champ, Garden of Eden, made his show debut of the new year under new Gates Mills rider, Bill Quinn, and easily won the tri-color in the green division. Pricie McIntosh, showing in Florida for the first time, took his roan Son Imp over the 4' fences in good style to earn the conformation championship and challenge trophy.

Don Swardlin's Stock Farms dominated the polo division with owner Swardlin taking the blue on the first night on Fuss Budget and repeating the performance on Malabar the second day.

Jump equipment was better than ever and the Florida Hunter and Jumper Association was rewarded for their efforts by the excellent competition and entries in the green and juvenile hunter classes. Virginia onlookers could see that Dinner Key is well on its way to being a top indoor hunter and jumper show. J. A.

#### MIAMI DINNER KEY

CORRESPONDENT: Jobie Arnold.

PLACE: Miami, Fla.

TIME: Jan. 30-Feb. 2.

JUDGE: Christopher Wadsworth.

HUNTER CH: Son Imp, Waverly Farm.

RES: Little Sombrero, Laurie Ratliff.

JUMPER CH: Mr. Midnight, J. R. Patterson.

RES: Ricochet, Laurie Ratliff.

GREEN HUNTER CH: Garden of Eden, Waverly Farm.

RES: The Clown, Ormond Biltmore Stables.

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER CH: Little Sombrero, Laurie Ratliff.

RES: Teddy Bear, Alice O. Frazer.

CH, JUNIOR RIDER: Laurie Ratliff.

RES: Alice O. Frazer.

SUMMARIES:

Open jumping - 1. Mr. Midnight, J. R. Patterson; 2. Ricochet, Laurie Ratliff; 3. Cottage Den, Laurie Ratliff; 4. Record Hop, Ormond Biltmore Stables.

Working polo ponies - 1. Fuss Budget, Don Swardlin; 2. Lawson, E. B. Stewart; 3. Malabar, Don Swardlin; 4. Miss Lynn, Don Swardlin.

Green hunters - 1. Garden of Eden, Waverly Farm; 2. The Clown, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 3. Shining Tide, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 4. Star Pilot, Hobby Horse Farm.

Palomino bridle path horses - 1. Golden Topper, Barbara Baker; 2. Golden Gal, Peggy Duffy; 3. Heidi, Jill Faust; 4. Buddy, Mickey Duffy.

Adult hack pleasure - 1. Golden Girl, Elliott Stables; 2. Hope of Gladewinds, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kramer; 3. Rubiayat, Woodside Farm; 4. Adonis, David Baikow.

Open polo ponies - 1. Malabar; 2. Fuss Budget; 3. Miss Lynn; 4. Andy, Rick Liegerot.

Juvenile working hunter hacks - 1. Little Sombrero; 2. Teddy Bear, Alice O. Frazer; 3. Rubiayat, Elizabeth Bell; 4. Fegasus, Mary Cain.

Open hunters - 1. Son Imp, Waverly Farm; 2. Little

Sombrero; 3. Forrester, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 4. War Balance, Laurie Ratliff.

Knock down & out - 1. Mr. Midnight; 2. Ricochet; 3. Record Hop; 4. Cottage Den.

Ladies green hunters - 1. Teddy Bear; 2. The Clown; 3. Shining Tide; 4. Hope of Gladewinds.

Handy jumpers - 1. Mr. Midnight; 2. Record Hop; 3. Ricochet; 4. Sputnik, Lila Phillips.

Model green hunters - 1. Garden of Eden; 2. Teddy Bear; 3. The Clown; 4. Star Pilot.

Model hunters - 1. Son Imp; 2. Forrester; 3. Little Sombrero; 4. War Balance.

Juvenile pleasure hacks - 1. Count Killarney, Nancy Leonard; 2. Faugh A Ballagh, Sandy Hart; 3. Golden Topper; 4. Rubiayat.

Green hunter hacks - 1. Garden of Eden; 2. Teddy Bear; 3. The Clown; 4. Hope of Gladewinds.

Juvenile working hunters - 1. Little Sombrero; 2. War Balance; 3. Teddy Bear; 4. Son Imp.

ASPCA horsemanship - 1. Laurie Ratliff; 2. Sandy Hart; 3. Alice Frazer; 4. Patti Cain.

Costume leadline - 1. Donnie Arnold; 2. Barry Trotsek; 3. Bruce Lyle Phillips; 4. Barbara Chesney.

Ladies hunters - 1. Son Imp; 2. Little Sombrero; 3. War Balance; 4. Hope of Gladewinds.

Green hunter stake - 1. Garden of Eden; 2. Shining Tide; 3. The Clown; 4. Hope of Gladewinds; 5. Blue Sails, Woodside Farm; 6. Free Reliance, Mary Leavelle.

Conformation hunter hacks - 1. Son Imp; 2. Little Sombrero; 3. Forrester; 4. Blue Sails.

Sky high jumpers - 1. Mr. Midnight; 2. Sputnik; 3. High Tide, Stefanie Zachar; 4. Mighty Mouse, J. R. Patterson.

Juvenile working hunter stake - 1. Little Sombrero; 2. Teddy Bear; 3. Son Imp; 4. Faugh A Ballagh; 5. War Balance; 6. Blue Sails.

Pair class - 1. Pete, Repete, Mrs. Ray Everett; 2. Twilight, T. J. Madison, Black Magic, Rex Holley; 3. Robbie, Jeanne Sanderson, Butchie, Linda Piaget; 4. Skitoak, Scott Swardlin, Taffy, Freddy King.

English pleasure ponies - 1. Marble, Barbara Baker; 2. Red Devil, Mike Sanderson; 3. White Feathers, Southwest Riding School; 4. Barco, Sandy Hart.

Hunter stake - 1. Son Imp; 2. Little Sombrero; 3. War Balance; 4. Forrester.

Jumper stake - 1. Mr. Midnight; 2. Record Hop; 3. Ricochet; 4. High Tide; 5. Mighty Mouse; 6. Cottage Den.

## What's Wrong With Our Horse Shows

The writer of this article has been involved in the showing of horses for much longer than he likes to admit, as it spans over a half a century.

Looking back at the past and forward to the future we find one outstanding thing - horse shows today are run on practically the same rules as they were twenty five years ago.

Twenty five years ago football consisted of twenty two men in the middle of the field pushing each other one way or another in the hope of gaining a yard or two; two thousand people was a big crowd, but the people who were interested in football decided that the time had come for a change. There were many changes, the most outstanding of which was the introduction of the forward pass. This change and others has resulted in one hundred thousand people at a game, but it was said at that time that the game would be ruined if the rules were changed.

To return to our horse shows, they have

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## Olympic Games

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Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Rhodesia, Rumania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Turkey, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Venezuela, Yugoslavia.



## What's Wrong

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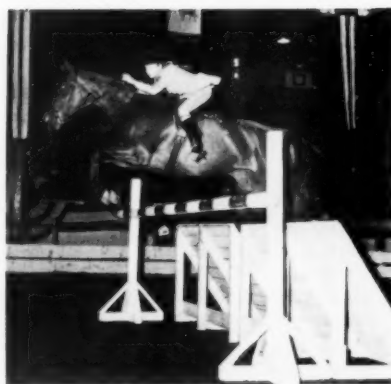
been run entirely too much for the benefit of a relatively small group of dealers; the owners and the public in many instances have been secondary. We now have a long overdue opportunity to make a step in the right direction; I refer to the F.E.I. rules.

By showing under these rules we will offer to the public something that they can understand. We will offer to the owner a clear understanding of why his horse did not win and we will make an appreciable dent on bad judging.

We will still be faced with the problem of what to do with the gyp-horse dealer who has the support of a couple of big stables. We all know that no matter how bad a judge might be, if he has the support of a few big exhibitors he will continue to judge; this problem can only be settled by management.

If the show managers do not make the proper effort to have top judges but instead try to please two or three exhibitors, this problem will continue as long as horse shows exist, for I have seen officials do an excellent job when they knew the management wanted it and have seen an equally bad job when they felt the manager wanted to please certain exhibitors.

However, if in our Jumping division we use an electric timing device, and F.E.I. Rules at least the owners of horses in this division will know that they have an



Miss Laurie Ratliff of Pass Christian, Miss., on Ricochet, was judged champion junior rider and won the juvenile working hunter title at the Miami Dinner Key show. She was also reserve in the open jumping and conformation divisions. Sargent Photo

even chance. This will help to encourage the kind of owners that we want and public participation.

If 1958 brings out horses in the F.E.I. classes for Maidens, Novice, Limit and Open horses, a tremendous step will have been taken in the right direction. The possibility of Hunters showing under the Hunter F.E.I. rules might also be an excellent idea.

T. B. Blakiston

## THE CHRONICLE

This is one of the most superbly produced books yet published in this country on the work of an individual American artist. It contains 35 full color paintings, many of them double page spreads, and over 180 drawings by Charles M. Russell who, with Frederic Remington, put down on paper and canvas the old west of the 1880's and 1890's as seen through the eyes of an artist. The best story of his life and the best of his work are contained within these covers. No one has ever been more successful in portraying the horse in motion. As a historical record his paintings, sketches, water colors and bronzes are invaluable.

TICKNER'S DOG LICENSE. WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN TICKNER, LONDON, PUTNAM, 1957, pp. 77, OBTAINABLE FROM SYDNEY R. SMITH, CANAAN, NEW YORK.

John Tickner's cartoons published in the British "Punch" for the past few years plus his book "Tickner's Light Horse" have made of your reviewer an ardent Tickner fan. "Tickner's Dog License" is quite in the tradition - British humor at its best. Foxhunters will particularly appreciate the pictures on pages 36, "Hound Music After Lights Out" and 56, "The Hounds Who Pinch Your Sandwiches At A Meet Are Only Trying To Be Democratic." Highly recommended.

STOCKMEN'S HANDBOOK, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 1957, pp. 330, \$5.00.

This handbook contains the papers presented at the eighth annual Washington State College Stockmen's Short Course held at the college, December 9th through

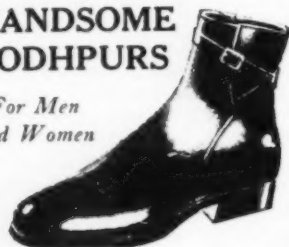
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## BOOKS



CHIPPERFIELD'S CIRCUS. BY PAMELA MACGREGOR MORRIS, LONDON, FABER & FABER, 1957, pp. 214, ILLUS., 25 SHILLINGS.

On the programs and letterheads of the present day Chipperfield's Circus is the legend "Britain's Oldest Show People Were Entertaining The Public When Charles II Reigned". Pamela Macgregor Morris, a frequent contributor to The Chronicle, recounts the history of the Chipperfield family since the 17th century with the historical background of circuses in general. She also describes the methods which they employ today to train and exhibit their horses and other animals. It is a well written, well illustrated book.

THE CHARLES M. RUSSELL BOOK. BY HAROLD McCracken, DOUBLEDAY AND COMPANY, GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK, 1957, pp. 236, ILLUS., \$23.50.



His Excellency The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, greeting Miss Sarah Jennings at a meet of the Ottawa Valley Hunt during the past season. The mare is her WHOA EMMA, ribbon winner in everything from equitation and stakes classes to dressage and hunter trials.





## I Piloted Sputnik Three

A Light-hearted Account of a Hair-raising Ride  
on a Run-away Horse

Stanislaus Lynch

Sputniks One and Two were circling their carefree way around the world when the huntsman and hounds arrived on the village green for the big holiday meet. I must have been even greener than that village green, for I had no idea when I mounted a big chestnut horse that I was thereby becoming the pilot of Sputnik Three.

I had never hunted with this pack of foxhounds before and I was looking forward pleasantly to a good day's sport in country entirely new to me. Horses for hire were scarce in the locality, so I was glad to have been able to hire such a good-looking sort. I have long since ceased to be too finicky about hired horses. Barring they are utterly dangerous rogues, I am usually content with whatever is available.

The groom's advice to me, however, was not too reassuring. "He's a strong ride, sir", he said, "And he likes to be up in front with the hounds. But don't let him stretch himself too much until he begins to get tired".

It was a charmingly naive way of saying I was on the father and mother of a puller! However, since I have ridden, and frequently fallen off, nearly every conceivable type of horse at one time or other with over ninety different packs of hounds in Ireland, Britain and France, I wasn't too worried about a new horse's capers.

But "The longer you live, the more you know", and I was only half-way across the first field when I began to wonder how long I might live; for I doubt if any Insurance Company in the world would risk insuring me into the next field!

If the rascal pulled like this before hounds even found a fox, I began to wonder what he would be like when hounds were running.

The covert to be drawn was a big wood. My galloping maniac stopped; not out of respect for the Master, the hounds, the field, or his flabbergasted rider; but, apparently, because the wood was too big to jump.

Thankful for the respite, I dismounted, and to avoid an early demise, hurriedly tried to make an ordinary noseband into a "dropped noseband". As with most Irish hunters, his bridle-bit was a plain snaffle;

which on a rogue of his calibre was as useless as if I had a length of elastic in his mouth.....or a nice ripe banana!

My fingers seemed all thumbs as I fumbled with the bridlebuckles. A hound whimpered in the woodland. My horse tossed his head impatiently and undid the noseband. The merry twang of the hunting horn had often roused my heat, but now it only roused my horse and he nearly pole-axed me with a dunt of his head. Hounds were now in full-cry, and he seemed determined to go after them, with or without me.

He was winning the argument when a decent young farmer leaped from his horse and gave me a hand. In a moment I had the noseband adjusted and was back in my saddle, with a warm word of thanks to my benefactor.

"You'll not be short of exercise today", he said cheerfully, as we rode off at the tail of the Hunt. "I had a few rides on that bucko and I know him".

"The owner said he was a great jumper", I said, innocently.

"The fence has yet to be built that will stop him, but he'll pull your arms out of their sockets. He's jet propelled. If the Russians had him he'd pass the Sputniks".

Hounds were four fields ahead, going like furies. Sputniks One and Two travel at about five miles per second. On Sputnik Three I think I bettered that speed, for I seemed to be passing riders and overtaking hounds at an alarming rate. Three fences flashed underneath, but they might have been hedges, stone walls or grand pianos, as they were only shapeless blurs.

To barge through hounds is an unpardonable offence, and I was in enough trouble without providing target practice for the Master's highly-flavoured vocabulary. My only hope was to circle wide of the racing pack. But Sputnik Three didn't want to circle.

Good hands are a horseman's greatest gift, but with a madcap of this calibre, strength is a blessing. As a youngster I used to break five inch nails in two with my bare hands, but Sputnik Three was apparently made from some new alloy I had not encountered before, as I could not

induce his rigid warhead to move even an inch to left or right. Luckily, hounds swung left and escaped being mangled, but he rocketed straight ahead.

As we hurtled across a thirty-acre field, I wished the Scientists luck that would try to guide this bucko by remote radio-control!

Facetious thoughts were soon banished by the sight of a big wall in front. A

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**L** Le Renard Hunt  
**R** Indian Hill  
**H** Ohio

The LeRenard Hunt was started on Indian Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, by Bonnie Crudington, a junior member of the Camargo Hunt.

The first idea taken from Pat Smythe's "Book of Horses," was that one girl acted as fox and the rest of the children were the hounds. That idea proved unsuccessful as the pace became too fast.

Next we tried a paper-chase which, also, did not work out as the paper that we used was the same color as the leaves.

Finally we decided to have a Treasure Hunt. This has proved both successful and enjoyable. Clues are put out in plastic



Bonnie Crudington, a junior member of the Camargo Hunt, who started the Le Renard Hunt at Indian Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

bags at certain places and at the end there is a prize of some nature.

After each hunt, there is always some cake, cookies, cocoa and cokes.

Ann and Lynne Carlisle, Gregory Long, Bobbie Lewis, Laird Davis and Debby Pfister have been our regular members. There have been four hunts, the January one cancelled due to the frozen ground.

B. C.

## I Piloted Sputnik

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farmer standing on top clapped his hands to his head in agonised fashion and yelled:—"Stop! Stop! or you'll be kilt! If you can't howl him, pull him up!" A bit of advice which would have mesmerised even Solomon.

The wall was jumped so brilliantly that the performance was really frightening, for I now realised that nothing in the shape of a fence would stop Sputnik Three. He was running away. A strand of concealed barbed wire seemed about the only thing that might end his orbit, but unfortunately it would also end mine.

My arms ached as I tried in vain to turn him from the next fence. It was a scowling blackthorn hedge on a big bank that probably had a ditch in front and another behind. There were ash trees growing at intervals in a hedge so dense that it would pluck the feathers off a wren if she tried to fly through. It might be laced with wire, there might be a deep quarry-hole on the other side. All such cheerful possibilities made it probable that my mortal remains would be brought home in my hunting-cap.

But Sputnik Three charged it fearlessly. In the last few strides I thanked the man who invented the hunting cravat, for it kept my heart from jumping clean out of my mouth. I think my famous last words were:—"Californial Here I Come!"

Scrub blackthorns and briars growing on the edge of the first ditch caused a fumbling take-off. We lurched up on the bank with a sickening crash of blackthorns. My arm (shielding eyes) was rudely thrust aside as I was hit across the chest by what appeared to be the oar of a boat. It was a branch of ash and it whipped me out of the saddle. Before I fell down, torn and bleeding, into the deep

ditch, I had an aerial view of Sputnik Three sailing our majestically into the great unknown! I suppose I should have blistered him with rude names, but I couldn't bring myself to do so. If I had only had the sense to fit a proper bit, he would have made Olympic Champions look like entrants in a Donkey Derby.

As I sank exhausted into the deep ditch I thought I heard Angels sing, or was it the far-off cry of the hounds? My head was getting muzzy. It was the end of my journey . . . but not of his. He was apparently hurtling away merrily to join his two forerunners in Outer Space.

### JULI AT MILLS COLLEGE

On Saturday, January 25th, Major Robert J. Borg presented a discussion and exhibition of dressage at the Mills Riding School, Mills College, Oakland. The horse used was "Juli", Gold Medal winner of the Grand Prix de Dressage in the 1956 Olympic Games at Stockholm, and now

owned by Mr. John Galvin. "Juli", who was brought for the occasion from Mr. Galvin's Rancho San Fernando Rey, near Santa Barbara, has not been shown in this country before.

The spectators saw a horse of marvellous elegance, balance, and suppleness, completely alert and at the same time utterly relaxed. Major Borg, who competed in the Grand Prix of 1956, on "Bill Biddle", divided his program into a discussion and demonstration of training aims and exercises, and then a formal ride consisting of the "parts put together". These consisted of ordinary movements, collection and extension of all gaits, two-tracks at all gaits, change of leads at each stride of the canter, pirouettes, and the piaffe and passage.

Everyone was impressed by the harmony existing between horse and rider. Major Borg made it an occasion of gaiety

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The Hound is unhurried, the quarry is worried,  
When in kennel the tale it is told;  
It was screaming the pace, no check marred the chase  
For the noses in kennel no scent was too cold!

No hazard too high at the hearthside  
As his spouse the bold hunter astounds;  
All fences are flown by the fireplace,  
In his chair, Lush has never lost hounds!

## Riding at Lake Erie College

A feature of the Riding Program at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, is the compulsory Voltigier Class which is taken at least once a month by all riders.

In this class, ten or twelve basic gymnastic exercises are taught and practiced on horseback. These exercises are an invaluable aid in teaching relaxation, balance, confidence and control.

The Riding Program, under the direction of L. G. Andahazy

was started in September 1955. Since then it has won widespread popularity among the students. One hundred and ten girls, out of a total enrollment of 385, ride twice a week for physical education credits.

The College Stables are six miles off campus in the scenic Little Mountain area which is the heart of the Chagrin Valley Hunt country. Sixteen hunter and jumpers make up the college string. J.M.



▲ Jerry Charrier of Port Jervis, New York, executes the Arabesque at Lake Erie College, Ohio.



Voltigier Class - Donna Elshlager, Clarion, Pennsylvania, executing the Cossack hang.

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and good humor, adding to the impression of effortlessness; this was stimulating, to say the least, to an audience composed of both amateurs and professionals. Surely this is a pinnacle of serious effort in any endeavor: to succeed in it with such grace that it seems no effort at all.

K.G.T.

### GROTON PONY CLUB

The Groton Pony Club is a recently registered branch of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., operating in the territory covering the towns adjacent to Groton as well as Hollis, New Hampshire, most meetings will be organized in regional groups for easier participation. Mrs. Frederic B. Kellogg of Groton is District Commissioner.

To start a membership drive there will be a meeting in the Groton Town Hall Monday evening, February 24, open to all juniors and adults interested in information about and membership in the Groton Pony Club. Movies will be shown of Pony Club activities and of the Groton Hunt.

The Groton Hunt and the Groton Pony Club plan to have a sale of used riding clothes and equipment on April 5 at Rock Maple Farm, Pepperell, to raise money for the new Pony Club and the hunt's Hound Fund.

J.C.

### BRITISH SHOW JUMPERS

During the year 1957, 4,558 active show jumpers were registered with the British Show Jumping Association.

### Central Penna. Jr.

#### High Score Awards

High score trophies and ribbons were presented to the top young riders in the Central Pennsylvania Junior Horse Show Association at a luncheon awards program held Feb. 2 in the Lancaster County (Pa.) Riding Club, attended by 78 young riders, parents and friends.

The association includes six Junior Riding Clubs: Beaufort Junior Hunt, Harrisburg; York, Lancaster, Quentin, Columbia and Conewago Trail Riders, Dover, Pa. The six clubs held a circuit of shows during 1957, its third year of operation, at which points were scored toward the annual awards.

Winners were:

Lead-line pony - 1. (tied) Tag-Along, Linda Lee Deverter, and Ginger, Garry Lee Lehman.

Hunters - 1. Corsican Rose, Andy Kreider; 2. This Is It, Ruby Zemo.

Jumpers - 1. St. Nick, Derbydown Stables, Susan Worrall rider; 2. Patsy, Irwin Aumon, Clyde Weidman, rider.

Hunter pony under 13 hands - 1. Toby, Jeannie Mosser; 2. Gee Whiz, Derbydown Stables, Mary Wade Warner, rider.

Hunter pony over 13 hands - 1. The Dutchess, Ruby Zemo; 2. Who Knows, Maxine Biffert.

Hunter equitation - 1. Andy Kreider; 2. Beverly Ritter.

Pleasure horse - 1. The Little Man, Jeannie Ramsey; 2. Sage, Mrs. Raymond Starr, Queenelle Minet. rider.

Stock seat equitation - 1. Bobby Henry; 2. Bobby Smith.

Ruby Zemo, thirteen, received special recognition for having won the children's jumper class at the National Horse Show, Madison Square Garden, N. Y., last November, competing against about 30 of the nations top young riders. Her mare, This Is It, placed fifth in the National ASHA awards list for children's hunters.

Samuel M. Heineman, president of the association presided, and Richard H. Moen, immediate past president of the Lancaster Riding Club, presented the awards.



### AUSTRALIAN COMBINED TRAINING

The New Zealand magazine "Tally-Ho" reports that there is a definite swing toward Combined Training Events in Australia. A number of One-Day Trials are being held and Three-Day Events are being held after the Melbourne Show and before the Sydney Show. In this connection there is also increased interest in Dressage competitions.

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# P O L O



## Eastern Indoor Polo

Bill Briordy

The Brookville (L.I.) and Fairfield (Conn.) sides played to a 7-all deadlock in the Eastern Indoor Polo League match headlining the weekly double-header at the Squadron A Armory in New York on Saturday night, Feb. 8.

A goal by Zenas Colt on a 45-yard angled drive enabled Brookville to draw even one minute from the end of the regulation playing time. Neither team was able to put across a goal in the two-minute overtime period.

Colt rode with Fred Kowalski and Allen Jerkens against the Fairfield side of George Haas, Stuart Feicke and Bill Westerlund. Colt headed his side with three goals, while Haas was top man for Fairfield, also with three tallies.

In a preliminary match, Adie von Gontard hit the backboard eight times to lead the scorers as Westchester rode to a 12-8 victory over a Long Island side. Westchester hit six goals in the first chukker, added one in the second and came through with five more in the third period.

Long Island, beginning with a one-goal allowance, made three goals in each of the first two periods to trail by 7-6 at intermission. Westchester's five-goal third chukker broke the game wide open. Andre Uribe and Fred Zeller each scored three goals for the losers. They had Jay Hourahan as a teammate.

Von Gontard rode with John Whittemore and Roy Moriarty. Whittemore and Moriarty each counted twice.

Brookville	Fairfield
1. F. Kowalski	G. Haas
2. A. Jerkens	S. Feicke
3. Z. Colt	W. Westerlund
Brookville	2 1 2 2 0 7
Fairfield	4 1 1 1 0 7
Goals - Kowalski 2, Jerkens 2, Colt 3, Haas 3, Feicke, Westerlund 2, by handicap 1.	

Westchester	Long Island
1. J. Whittemore	A. Uribe
2. A. von Gontard	J. Hourahan
3. R. Moriarty	F. Zeller
Westchester	6 1 5 0 12
Long Island	3 3 0 2 8
Goals - Whittemore 2, von Gontard 8, Moriarty 2; Uribe 3, Hourahan, Zeller 3, by handicap 1.	
Referee - John Rice	

## Polo Invasion

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was recently received from George C. Sherman, Jr., vice president of the United States Polo Association.)

Dear Sir:

As a matter of interest in International Polo, I thought you would like to have a picture of our team which played in South America last month.

Actually, we were in Lima, Peru, for eighteen days, playing six formal matches (November 16-December 1) and several practice games. We met each of the six teams playing in Lima. These teams averaged about 15 goals and I might say were particularly well-mounted for this class of polo.



The Milwaukee Polo Club team which competed in a series of matches in Lima, Peru, in December of 1957, and won the Hitchcock and Monterrico trophies. (L. to r.): Robert A. Uihlein, Jr., Gabriel Gracida, George C. Sherman, Jr., David Ellis.

The day we won the Hitchcock Cup, one of the players on the opposing team having been injured, was replaced by Enrique Alberdi, 9 goal Argentine star who had won the Open in Buenos Aires the previous weekend - we won this by 1 goal and it made up for our next match which we lost to a team called Los Juniors, all of those members were under 20 years of age. This, incidentally, was another interesting part of our trip for not only in Peru, but in Argentina where I saw the Finals of the Handicap, a large number of young players were competing and developing very rapidly.

For the losers, brothers John and Frank Rice tallied three times each, one-third of Johnny's total coming on a converted 15-yard penalty shot.

In a two-chukker pre-game scrimmage, fans had the opportunity of viewing Coach Al Marenholz's promising crop of freshman. Riding in order were Wilford Welch, last of the four Welch boys to matriculate at Yale and join the polo roster; Frank Butterworth III, son of Yale Polo Association President Frank Butterworth, Jr.; and Jarrett Vincent of St. Louis, Mo., who already holds a U. S.

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Before returning to the States I also visited and watched a polo match at the San Cristobal Polo Club in Santiago, Chile, and in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Whilst in Buenos Aires, I was interested to note that a team was coming in that weekend from Uruguay to play - so with the renewed polo interest in Venezuela (where a Peruvian team played last spring) and the interest in polo in Bogota, Columbia, it would certainly seem that polo mostly all over South America is more in full swing than it has ever been before.

Sincerely,  
George C. Sherman, Jr.

## Yale Polo

Ann Braun

The Yale varsity polo team put down their second rival of the season in short order Saturday, January 18, when they overwhelmed a Rice Farms trio to the tune of 14-6.

The Bulldogs jumped to a 6-1 first-chukker lead on three goals apiece by Peter Carleton of Baltimore, Md., and Perry Welch of Mount Carmel, Conn. They led undisputedly throughout the game, the closest margin being an 8-5 third-chukker total.



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Polo Association handicap. The youngsters gave Marenholz, the senior Butterworth, and sophomore newcomer Richie Jones a run for their money.

Yale	Rice Farms
1. P. Carleton	P. Sargenti
2. F. Weymouth	J. Rice
3. P. Welch	F. Rice
Scoring: Yale - Carleton 5, Welch 5, Weymouth 4. Rice Farms - F. Rice 3, J. Rice 3.	
Yale	6 1 1 6 14
Rice Farms	1 1 3 1 6

Referee: A. Marenholz

Mid-year vacation seldom calls a halt to Yale polo, so while most students trekked off to the northern New England ski slopes, or to sunnier climes to the south, Saturday, February 1st, found a hardy group of polo players and enthusiastic (though shivering) fans in the Yale Armory to watch a hog-wild, hard-riding intra-squad scrimmage, with the "visiting" New Haven Polo Club barely eking out a 14-13 victory over three Bulldog varsity representatives.

Peter Carleton, the goal-slaming No. 1 for the Elis, piled up a nine-point total for himself and his mates, eight of his goals coming in the first two chukkers, when the Elis forged to a 9-7 half-time lead. Butterworth Senior was high for the winners with six goals.

The score was tied no less than nine times in the contest, at least twice in each chukker. The Blue were first to acquire more than a one-point margin with their hot second chukker. Carleton's five goals in that chukker, opposed to Frank Butterworth, Jr.'s three tallies, were the actual margin at the half.

The Red-shirted visitors, however, came up with a five-goal third chukker, to pull into the lead at 12-11. Perry Welch started off the final period with a fast goal to tie it up at 12-all, followed by Bark Hickox, who broke the tie with Yale's thirteenth and final tally. With the game by no means in the record books, young Jarrett Vincent of St. Louis, Mo., carried the tying goal down the sideboards, then dragged it along the end boards and into the goal mouth. The senior Butterworth broke the deadlock with his sixth tally, and that was it.

New Haven P. C.	Yale
1. F. Butterworth III	P. Carleton
2. F. Butterworth Jr.	J. B. Hickox
3. J. Vincent	W. P. Welch
Scoring: New Haven - F. Butterworth, Jr. 6, Vincent 5, F. Butterworth III, 3. Yale - Carleton 9, Hickox 2, Welch 2.	
New Haven	2 5 5 2 14
Yale	3 6 2 2 13

Referee: A. Marenholz



## Charity Races

South Florida horse enthusiasts can go to the races seven days a week! James D. Norris has inaugurated Sunday Quarter Horse Racing at his Spring Hill Farm in South Miami. Norris has enlarged his regular training track with a wide quarter mile strip, and cars flock along this raceway at \$1.00 per head, with proceeds going to charity and the race winners.

Everyone joins in the fun - children, ladies, and even an occasional jockey from Hialeah, such as Jerry Truman, take mounts on their "day off". All types of horses, from saddle bred to polo ponies compete.

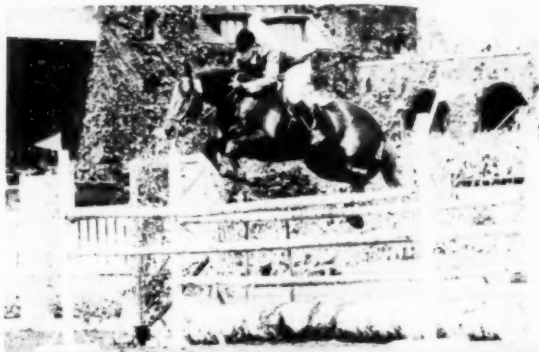
Mr. Norris recently imported 16 permanently registered quarter mares from Texas, and six running two year olds that have raced impressively, so Spring Hill is now a quarter horse nursery along with the Thoroughbreds that are trained by P. L. Kelly.

Eight year old Susie Norris races each Sunday and has proved tough competition on her new quarter horse, Silver Foot.

Responsible for this new horse excitement are South Miami's foundation horse-man, G. Horace Larkins, and famed trainer, John B. Patridge, who manages the Florida division of Spring Hill. Larkins nine year old son Doug, holds the track record on his horse, Sand, of 13.1 for 220 yards around a turn. J.A.

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Remember, you have a nice silver pitcher to his memory.

Now after the hunt that day, Bob Herron, who went to England with us, was with me. We were going over to Warrenton that night to a dance. As my stock of clothes during that era was d--- slim I proceeded to wear your suit that you had left with me that morning. We took an old Ford truck that they used around the kennels, without permission. We started for Warrenton and about half way over we got a flat tire (which we deserved). Instead of one of us staying with the truck both of us started up the road looking for a garage which we found, etc. But lo and behold when we arrived back to the truck someone had taken our other three tires. We were scared stiff so we went back again to the garage and had to buy two new tires and two second-hand ones as well as rims. We landed back to mount the tires and me, all dressed in your suit, started to make repairs. You should have seen your suit afterwards.

This ended the dance so we started back home at once. We put the truck back and of course Duke Leach said the next A.M. "where in hell did the new tires come from on the old truck". To this day to my knowledge neither he or Mr. Harper, who of course heard of it, never knew whence they came.

I remember I had your suit at the cleaners as soon as I could get it there - also I remember I had to borrow enough

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money to pay for the cleaning as the tires had ruined us. So I took your suit back to the Club House and you most likely thought I had done a good job of cleaning and pressing.

I do not recall ever telling you of this episode but I bet you get a laugh out of it now after about 35 years have faded away.

As ever  
Roger Taylor

South Hamilton, Mass.

## Equestrian

### Organization

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was recently received under the letterhead of the International Equestrian Organization, R.D. 9, York, Pa., president Lilian Wittmack Roye, vice-president Paul G. Andrea and secretary Donald G. Baker. Included in "a partial list of coming events scheduled by I.E.O." are a discussion on Dressage in March; discussion on building and improving jumper courses in April; horse show and picnic in May; and drill riding to music and ring spear- ing in June.)

Dear Sir:

We take great pleasure in announcing the founding of the International Equestrian Organization. We take additional pleasure in writing especially to those whom we feel have a genuine and common interest in the principles which are the foundation of our club. The club's president and original founder is Mrs. Lilian Wittmack Roye, who through her worldwide international riding experience and achievement, is well known in the equestrian sport.

It is the club's sincere desire to further the sport of show-riding according to international rules as well as the complete understanding of the essentials of elementary dressage, which are prime requisites for all successful horsemanship. Horse owners who already have had experience in our American horse shows cannot deny the fact that there is a great need for improvement in basic principles as well as in the presentation of jumper courses pleasing to the public and most important of all, for the good of our own equestrian friends.

In our modern age of progress it is also the horse show world which should begin to close the gap between our great nation and the European countries, which through their serious approach to the sport of riding have gained so much civic and financial prestige in horse-show presentation. It is with the thought of lending a hand in all matters concerning this sport that this club was started and we all will agree that such ambassadorship of good-will may bring about some peaceful understanding among nations in

this troublesome political era.

It will also serve our young riding friends who so often had to stay in the shadow of events because of lack of proper knowledge and training that could bring them nearer to the desired success, allowing them to compete on an even footing with the elite of national and international riders.

This organization can only serve its purpose with the sincere help of individuals who are genuinely interested in promoting the true art of horsemanship.

Sincerely yours,  
International Equestrian Organization  
Paul G. Andrae  
Vice President

### LINCOLN SADDLE HORSE CLUB

The Lincoln Saddle Horse Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, has begun the 1958 season under the leadership of the new officers: Pres., Dr. Edward S. Ackerman; 1st Vice-Pres., Harold F. Groves; 2nd Vice-Pres., Herbert R. Walt; Secretary, Mrs. John Grasmick; Treas., Leonard J. Hines.

Appointive officers are: Historian, Mrs. G. A. Ackerman; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Robert Studnicka; Publicity, Mrs. Frank E. Roehl.

The Chairmen of standing committees are: House Committee, George Turner III; Activities Committee, Louis M. Hancock; Grounds Committee, Harold F. Groves.

The riding instructor for the lesson program will be Mrs. Martha Stanek. Chairman of the annual charity horse show will be George Turner III.

Activities of the club will include the family horse shows in the club arena, the charity horse show at the state fair grounds, monthly dances or parties, and the lesson program for junior members.

L.M.A.

### DR. SCHMIDT

Dr. Herbert Schmidt, 71, and long time chief of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A & M College, College Station, recently died from injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Dr. Schmidt retired from A & M in 1956, after serving more than 20 years as head of his department. He was best known for his studies which led to the eradication of Texas tick fever, a disease that often killed off entire herds of cattle and horses. Dr. Schmidt is also credited with many discoveries in cattle disease and established the now standard practice of feeding livestock sterilized bone meal to prevent bone disease. More recently he was an expert in unwinding the disease X, known as hyperkeratosis, and discovered it was caused by a toxic substance coming from lubricants on machinery used in cotton seed mills and also farm machinery.

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13th, 1957. It contains sections devoted to Animal Health, Diseases and Parasites; Livestock Production and Management; Wool; Livestock Marketing Prices; Breeding and Improvement of Livestock; Pastures and Range Management; Feeds and Feedings; Horses; Meats; and General, the latter containing miscellaneous articles on such subjects as Taxation, Water Storage, Silage Preservation, and the Farm Dog. In the section on the horse there are articles on Anatomy, Care and Trimming of the Feet, Sterility in Mares, Parasites of the Horse, and Examination of Horses for Soundness by D. L. Proctor, the well-known Lexington, Kentucky, veterinarian. M. D. Nicholls, D. V. M., of Redmond, Washington, and J. K. Northway, D. V. M. have articles on the Care of the Mare Prior to Breeding and During Gestation and on Care and Management of Stallions and Mares. H. A. Herman, executive secretary of the National Association of Artificial Breeders, has an article on Artificial Insemination in Horses. Clio D. Hogan, editor of "The Washington Horse", has an article on bloodlines and Ed Heinemann, field secretary of The Washington Horse Breeders Association, has an article on Buildings and Equipment for Horses. W. P. Lehrer, Jr., Professor of the University of Idaho, contributes an article on Feeding Horses and another on Some Aspects of Horse Management. Members of the faculty of the State College of Washington and of the Washington College of Veterinary Medicine, including Stewart H. Fowler, Gene Stark, T. Moll, E. E. Wegner, H. F. Beardmore, R. W. H. Gillespie and G. W. Keown, contribute articles on Fertility and Sterility in Horses; Heat Cycles, Teasing and Cleanliness; Hay for Horses; Some Virus Diseases in the Horse; Selected Cases from the Horse Clinic; Genital

Disorders of Stallions; Disinfectants and Disinfection; and Recent Advances in Equine Surgery. This is a highly useful handbook for horse breeders as well as for breeders of other types of farm livestock and is certainly a bargain at the price. The State College of Washington is one of the few state agricultural colleges still carrying on an active horse program and has moved with the times in that present emphasis is being placed on horses for sport rather than for working the land. This handbook is ample evidence of the extent and progressiveness of its programs.

A. M-S.

**THE SPORT OF QUEENS, BY DICK FRANCIS, J. A. ALLEN & CO., 1 LOWER GROSVENOR PLACE, BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD, LONDON, S.W.1. PRICE POSTPAID \$3.00.**

My Christmas has been greatly brightened by receiving a copy of Dick Francis' new book "The Sport of Queens."

Dick, as he himself admits in the closing remarks of the 238 pages, is the jockey who will go down in history as the "man who didn't win the Grand National", and the final chapter of this amusingly and modestly written book is devoted to Queen Elizabeth's Devon Loch, the horse that fell on the flat only a few yards from the post in 1956 with the Grand National at his mercy. Dick's own view of this sudden and inexplicable disaster that overtook the Royal 'chaser is that he may have been frightened by the overwhelming cheering that greeted him as he returned towards the winning post - but, as he says, we will never know.

This is not, like so many autobiographies of famous sporting personalities, a "ghosted" book, for Dick Francis burnt much midnight oil in writing it himself. And a really fine job he has done, describing his life with horses from the time when, as a small boy of four, he finally won a bet off his older brother - after many unsuccessful attempts - by jumping

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a log on the family donkey, sitting backwards! He describes vividly the up-and-down life of a steeplechase jockey, the thrills of success and the frequent visits to hospital, the brilliant horses that he has ridden such as Silver Fame and Roimond, and shows why, despite all the hazards and broken bones, "it is worth it all". There is one amusing chapter devoted to the American scene as the result of his visit to ride in the International 'Chase.

The book is admirably illustrated, and is something that nobody interested in racing over fences should miss. Those who have never met Dick will feel that they know him by the time that they reach the end, while to those acquainted with this charming and modest character, "The Sport of Queens" will have an even greater appeal.

P. T-C.

**PONY DUET BY NANCY CAFFREY, ILLUSTRATED BY RONNIE MUTCH. PUBLISHED BY E. P. DUTTON & CO., INC., NEW YORK, \$2.75.**

In Pony Duet Nancy Caffrey has done an excellent job of reflecting a young girl's emotions and problems in overcoming a consuming fear caused by an unfortunate fall from a pony when she was five. Any young rider faced with the similar problem, which they might or might not admit even to themselves, could benefit greatly from this endearing little book.

There are gay accounts of the Pony Club's outings and adventures, of a gymkhana, of the great fun of riding in a horse van, and of early jumping lessons. Anyone who has been "brought up" to ride by a saint of a horse or pony will doubly appreciate the Pony Duet. Youngsters will thoroughly enjoy it.

E. B. C.

**MIDNIGHT, CHAMPION BUCKINGHORSE WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY SAM SAVITT. PUBLISHED BY E. P. DUTTON & CO., INC., NEW YORK, \$2.50.**

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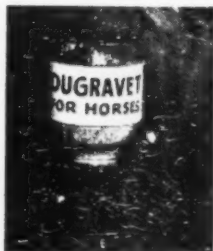
There are lots of excellent illustrations, one on almost every page. The book will have great appeal for young horsemen - but I hope it won't encourage them to put a bucking strap on their favorite pony to try to make him emulate the famous Midnight!

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## Racing

### LEBKUCHEN

Lebkuchen, bred by Dr. Esie Asbury, winner of the Selima Stakes as a 2-year-old, now the property of his daughter Mrs. James H. Stone, is to be bred to Tom Fool this year. Unfortunately, she developed an abscess in the foot, which prevented her from regaining her 2-year-old form last year when she was 3.

### BLOODLINES AND BEN JONES

In connection with the celebration of Ben Jones' 75th birthday, columnist Oscar Otis quoted "a world-famous turfman" as follows: "It is not generally realized the vital influence people have exerted on world bloodlines, and unless allowance is made for it, it can baffle students of bloodlines. In other words, certain men, through sheer training ability and above average aptitude with Thoroughbreds, have been able to accomplish more with a given horse than another man. Some degree of success for any pedigree is dependent upon the trainer. Ben A. Jones always had the ability to get the utmost out of the horses that came under his care, a knack that he demonstrated long before he became associated with Calumet Farm. The racetrack is the proving ground of the Thoroughbred, and from that proving ground emerge the leading sires and broodmares of the future.

"Conversely, many a worthy bloodline has gone into eclipse of varying degrees because the trainer did not develop the full potential of a horse. And this does not necessarily imply that the trainer was a lesser man. Rather, the conditioner may have had nothing more than bad luck, a run of bad luck. But just as racing is a game of percentages, so is training and, over a period of time, I dare say that Ben has had as much bad luck come his way as anyone else. Assuming this to be true, it is even more apparent that not only has he overcome it, but when good luck has been on his side, he has accentuated it. A study of world breeding, in relationship to the personalities involved, proves beyond question that the best horses, the best breeding stock, and the best bloodlines tend to an affinity with the breeder who seeks to improve the breed and who puts sporting principles first. While the breeder must consider sound financing, nevertheless he must put a secondary value on money.

The whole thing can become extremely complicated if you get too technical about it, for factors such as prepotency, or the ability to transmit positive characteristics, enter into it, but nevertheless the skill of the man who races the horse can help any breeder in arriving at an intelligent decision about matings. Conversely, the ability to recognize undeveloped potential in colt or filly has resulted in many a breeder developing

a worthwhile sire or broodmare, even a top one, to the surprise of breeding circles. At Calumet Farm Ben Jones developed what amounts to a complete integration from foaling to retirement to stud, and the harmony of the operation was, of course, helpful to him. Establishing harmonious conditions - if a horse goes wrong, the trainer doesn't rush to the owner and blame it on the farm manager, or vice versa - is part of training genius if one may believe the old adage that genius is 90 per cent attention to detail and only 10 per cent inspiration."



Jockey William Shoemaker was presented with a sterling silver plate by President Leigh M. Battson (right) of Santa Anita Park for having ridden his 3,000th winner, on Jan. 31. Shoemaker's wife, Virginia, and Director of Racing Carleton F. Burke of Santa Anita were also on hand for the ceremony.

(Santa Anita Photo)

### \*NASRULLAH

\*Nasrullah, the sire of Bold Ruler "The Horse of the Year" and "Best 3-year-old Colt or Gelding" of 1957 and Nadir "Best 2-year-old Colt or Gelding" of 1957, is a bay son of Nearco-Mumtaz Begum, by \*Blenheim II, foaled in 1940. The sire of the great horses Hashua, \*Noor, Never Say Die, Bold Ruler and a host of other stakes winners was bred by the late Aga Khan. The

syndicate that owns the great sire stands him at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky.

One does not have to be an astute student of breeding to find the class in \*Nasrullah's pedigree. The "first 14 names" are enough; they read like a "Who's Who" of Thoroughbred horses-Nearco, Mumtaz Begum, Pharos, Nogara, \*Blenheim II, Mumtaz Mahal, Phalaris, Scapa Flow, Haversac II, Catnip, Blandford, Malva, The Tetrarch and Lady Josephine. M.R.

### NASHUA'S FIRST

The first foal by Nashua arrived February 1st at the Mereworth Stud, Lexington, Ky. - a colt out of Windmill belonging to Mrs. F. Warrington Gillett.

### JET MASTER'S FIRST

Master Pat, a recent winner at the Fair Grounds, was the first starter sired by Joseph Eitinger's Jet Master, who stands at Leslie Combs II's Spendthrift Farm, Lexington.

The son of Jet Pilot - Mattie J., by Gallant Sir, won the United States Hotel Stakes, the colt division of the National Stallion Stakes, a division of the Hialeah Juvenile Stakes, nine other races and \$87,697 up to the age of five. In the National Stallion he set a new five-furlong record of :55 4/5. F. T. P.

### BAR le DUC TO SPENDTHRIFT

Your Host's full brother Bar le Duc will make the 1958 stud season at Leslie Combs II's Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, as the property of Mr. Combs and Mrs. John McMahon at a fee of \$500 live foal, with special concessions to mares from stakes-producing families.

A \$60,000 yearling purchase from Mr. Combs, the five-year-old son of \*Alibhai - \*Boudoir II, by \*Mahmoud, won his only start; broke a splint bone soon thereafter and raced no more.

F.T.P.

### THOROUGHBRED BIRTHDAYS

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## Chronicle Cover

*In the Country***MR. AND MRS. WARREN WOFFORD**

Warren Wofford of Milford, Kansas and Dawn Palethorpe of Blakedown, Worcestershire, were married at Kidderminster, England on December 30th. Both are well known in international show jumping circles. In a statement to the (British) Daily Mail, Mr. Wofford said: "She will continue show jumping as Mrs. Wofford and for Britain." H. L.

**TREVIRANUS HEADS C. T. CENTER**

The Combined Training Center of the Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, Vermont, from July 5th to 27th will be under the direction of H. Stewart Treviranus who assisted Gen. Tupper Cole in 1957 and who has since been appointed technical advisor for Combined Training to the U. S. Equestrian Team.

**MYSTERIOUS**

Miss Christy Firestone of Lauray Farm, Bath, Ohio, purchased from Cappy Smith, through Max Bonham, the nice green working hunter mare shown as Mysterious last year. She was shown very successfully by Mrs. Smithwick in 1957. N.M.B.

**ALICE HIGGINS**

Onlooking at the Miami Dinner Key Horse Show was Miss Alice Higgins of "Sports Illustrated". Miss Higgins reports national horse affairs for this well known magazine and she will cover all shows on the Florida Sun-Shine Circuit this winter season. J.A.

**1958 VIRGINIA OFFERINGS**

- G. "Clayward" 65 acre Country Home and Horse Farm near Warrenton. 5 B, 2 B, Stables, Quarters. \$67,000.
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**FIRESTONES IN CAMDEN**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Firestone of Bath, Ohio, are spending the month of February with their daughters Christy and Judy, in Camden, South Carolina. They will have as their guests Nancy and Max Bonham of Grass Lake, Michigan. The Firestones have eight horses with them and Mr. Bonham will bring along eight more.

**POSTPONE BLUE RIDGE EVENT**

The Fifth Annual Blue Ridge Hunt Hunter Pace Event, because of bad weather has been postponed from February 22nd to Sunday, March 9th at 1:30 P.M. It will be held at Mrs. Polk Guest's Rock Hill Farm, Bayard, Virginia, six miles south of Millwood on Virginia Route 624.

**CASANOVA POINT-TO-POINT**

The Casanova Hunt Point-to-Point which was scheduled to be held February 22 at Spring Hill Farm, Casanova, Va., has been cancelled for that date because of a heavy snowfall. It will be held instead on March 12.

**FISHING AND SHOOTING SHOW**

The Sporting Art Committee of the Baltimore Museum of Art is arranging a Fishing and Shooting Show to open about May 20, 1958 and to run for approximately six weeks, in the Woodward Wing of the museum. The committee is anxious to locate appropriate paintings of fishing and shooting and would be glad to hear from any owners who would be willing to lend their pictures for this period. Members of the committee are Mrs. William Woodward, Mrs. Johnson Garrett, Mrs. William MacMillan, Mr. Alexander B. Griswold, Mr. Trafford Klotz, Mr. George W. Constable (Chairman), Mr. Harvey Ladew and Mr. L. G. Shreve. Mr. Constable may be reached at the Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore, Md.

**FERGUSON - PEW**

Mrs. J. Raymond Ferguson of Merion announces the February 1st marriage of her daughter Joan to Mr. Robert Anderson Pew, son of Mrs. Edmund Quincy Trowbridge of Oyster Bay, N. Y. and Mr. Arthur E. Pew Jr., of "Valleybrook", Bryn Mawr, Pa. The ceremony took place in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Pew is the owner of the attractive grey three-year old, Eternal Wings shown last year under the management of Edgar Mills. Fencepost

The artist of our cover picture is none other than Joseph J. Jones, Clerk of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and Keeper of the Stud Book. In addition to these onerous duties which he fulfills with exemplary efficiency, Mr. Jones has a decided talent for illustration. As a matter of fact, he provided the drawings for the first annual report of the United States Pony Clubs in 1956, which added a great deal to that publication. Our cover drawing first appeared on the cover of the menu of the annual dinner of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, held at the Union Club, New York City on January 31st last. The menu was also used as a place card, the name of each Master being lettered below the drawing. Each drawing was painted in water color, the coat collar being the color of the particular hunt of each individual Master. This venture proved so successful that we fear Mr. Jones has manipulated himself into an additional annual task for many years to come.

**CREARY'S IN EAST AND MID-WEST**

The Dan F. Creary's of Oswego, Oregon are planning to spend the entire 1958 season in the East and Middle West. They will make their headquarters in Grass Lake, Michigan and stay in the east from March until November, if plans go ahead as scheduled. The Creary's have two hunters and two jumpers. N.M.B.

**COLUMBIA TRAINING TRACK**

Recent visitors to the training track at Columbia, South Carolina were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kleberg of King Ranch and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hanes, both of whom have horses in training at Columbia under Max Hirsch. Other members of the party who ate breakfast pancakes in the Hirsch track kitchen were Harry F. Guggenheim and Woody Stephens, trainer of the latter's Cain Hoy Stable, who also is wintering a number of horses at the track. Another pancake eater was Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort who trains the Queen's horses and also trains for Cleberg, Hanes and Guggenheim in England. All of them have been visiting F. Ambrose Clark in Aiken, South Carolina.

**TEXAS WILD TURKEYS**

En route home by auto from Lubbock, where they had been inspecting some young Thoroughbreds, a group of Arlington and Fort Worth horsemen stopped to visit D. Burns, manager of the vast Pitchfork Ranch, between Lubbock and Guthrie, just about dusk. As the party halted, the visitors noticed a very large group of birds lighting on the trees in the distance. Queried about the nocturnal visitors Burns explained that it was a flock of wild turkeys, that had been roosting and living adjacent to the Pitchfork headquarters for a long, long time, and estimated the flock at about 1,000 to 1,200 birds. B. B.

## CHESTER COUNTY DAY

Chester County Day, when the old houses of Chester County are thrown open to the public, will be held in 1958 on Saturday, October 4th. The Chester County Day Committee, Box 1, West Chester, Pa., will publish its 11th annual addition of the newspaper which features articles about the old houses of the area including many references to foxhunting and beagling. It may be obtained free by writing the editor at the above address.

## V. P. IDUN

The executive committee of A. M. Kidder and Company, stock brokers, of which the president and chairman of the board is Mrs. Charles Ulrick Bay, owner of the 1957 Champion Filly Idun, recently sent to her breeder Leslie Combs II of Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky., what The Blood-Horse describes as "an oversize, ornate, illustrated, multicolored, beribboned officially signed copy" of a -

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## BLUE BONNETS RACEWAY

Blue Bonnets Raceway in Montreal, has been sold for five and a half million dollars, and it is rumored that Thoroughbred racing under lights may be offered in 1959. It has been some years since there was any Thoroughbred racing in Quebec. Blue Bonnets has been devoted to the Harness horse in the past few years, and the popularity of the sport made great gains every year. The Harness track is a half mile one, but the old mile plus track is still there. Rumor also has it that when the harness horse leaves the Thoroughbred will come in. Harness racing at the present time lasts 100 days, with another 100 given to Richieu track, also in Montreal.

Another unsubstantiated whisper... the Thoroughbred will return to the Connaught track at Ottawa, where the harness horse took over a few years ago, but with great gains made in this type of racing and a harness track needed in that district it is hard to say what the owner of the track will do. The outcome will be interesting to follow.

## SHERIFF'S POSSE

Harold Stranathan was elected president of the Lancaster County (Nebraska) Sheriff's Posse. Other officers are Gunnar Johnson, vice president, and Harold F. Groves, secretary-treasurer. On the board of directors are: William Stenten, Harold Hoppe, and Burnham Yates. Merle Karnopp is the Lancaster County sheriff.

The Posse, whose members are special deputies, assist the sheriff when called upon besides having a crack drill team. Recently the Posse aided in the search for murderer, Charles Starkweather, and his girl friend, Caril Fugate. L.M.A.

## TRAINER JOB

The late Howard Lewis, who trained the steeplechasers of Joseph E. Widener with such conspicuous success, is quoted as saying "the Bible says that Job was a man of great patience, but he never trained steeplechasers."

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# \*TENNYSON II



\*TENNYSON II,  
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## Straight Deal-----

Winner of the English Derby over \*Nasrullah and others. Sire of Above Board, Aldborough, etc.

## Fille de Poete-----

Winner, dam of the Irish champion, The Phoenix which was syndicated for \$640,000.

## Solario-----

Winner St. Leger. Sire of the classic winners: Straight Deal, Midday Sun, Exhibitionist. Consistently among leading sires.

## Good Deal-----

Winner Leicestershire Oaks, Autumn H., Duke of Cambridge-shire H., etc. and dam of winners and producers.

## Firdaussi-----

Winner English St. Leger. Sent to Hungary where he was top sire of his time.

## Fille d' Amour-----

Winner Prince of Wales H., 4th in Oaks. Half sister to the unbeaten \*Bahram.

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\**Tennyson II*

The son of Straight Deal was injured as a yearling and did not race until he was 4. In seven starts in 1949, he won the Workop Stakes at Leicester; the Kingswood Plate, the Claremont Handicap at Sandown Park; and the Trundle Stakes at the Royal Goodwood meeting. \*Tennyson II also ran second to \*Djeddah in the rich Eclipse Stakes.

Half brother to THE PHOENIX, family of \*BAHRAM, \*BULL DOG, \*SIR GALLAHAD III

By the Derby Winner STRAIGHT DEAL, a son of the prominent sire Solario, by Gainsborough. Straight Deal defeated Umiddad, \*Nasrullah, Pink Flower and 18 others in the 1944 Derby. In the stud, Straight Deal has consistently ranked among the leading English sires. He has sired Aldborough (Doncaster Cup), Straight, Above Board (Yorkshire Oaks, Cesarewitch), Play, Double Deal, Straight Border, Ballechin, etc.

\*TENNYSON II is half brother to The Phoenix, undefeated Irish champion at 2 and winner of the Irish 2,000, the Irish Derby, and syndicated as a stallion for \$640,000. Their dam, Fille de Poete, is a winning daughter of

Firdaussi, winner of the St. Leger and an outstanding leading sire in Hungary.

The next dam, Fille d'Amour, was a daughter of Hurry On. She won the Prince of Wales Nursery Handicap, was third in the Yorkshire Oaks, fourth in the English Oaks. She was out of the dam of the unbeaten \*Bahram, among England's and America's leading sires. She was also half sister to the leading sire Dastur, etc. The next dam was half sister to Plucky Liege, dam of \*Sir Gallahad III, \*Bull Dog, Bois Roussel, Admiral Drake—all leading sires.

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